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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 ON PAGE 196]

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5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELCOME, EVERYONE, TO THE REGULARLY
6 SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH. AND WE TAKE NOTE
8 THAT FOUR SUPERVISORS ARE PRESENT. SUPERVISOR BARGER WILL BE
9 JOINING US SHORTLY. AND WE ALSO NOTE THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND OUR
11 SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN
12 BY THE INVOCATION LED BY THE MOST VENERABLE CHON TRI FROM THE
13 PHAP VAN TEMPLE IN POMONA IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, FOLLOWED BY
14 THE PLEDGE, LED BY VANESSA DIAZ, FORMER SPECIALIST, UNITED
15 STATES ARMY IN ROSEMEAD IN OUR FIRST DISTRICT. IF YOU'RE ABLE,
16 PLEASE STAND AS WE START WITH THE INVOCATION.

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18 **THE MOST VENERABLE CHON TRI:** (CHANTING IN VIETNAMESE).

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20 **VANESSA DIAZ:** PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. READY,
21 BEGIN. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND TO ALL THAT ARE
24 OBSERVING THIS CEREMONY TODAY, I WANT TO WELCOME THE MOST
25 VENERABLE CHON TRI FOR PROVIDING OUR INVOCATION TODAY. THE

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1 VENERABLE CHON TRI COMES TO US FROM THE PHAP VAN TEMPLE IN
2 POMONA IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. HE FOUNDED THE TEMPLE COME
3 FORTY-ONE YEARS AGO. AND IT WAS THE FIRST VIETNAMESE TEMPLE IN
4 POMONA. SINCE THEN, THE TEMPLE HAS GROWN TO PROVIDE MUCH MORE
5 THAN JUST A PLACE OF WORSHIP. THE VENERABLE CHON TRI AND THE
6 PHAP VAN TEMPLE PROVIDE VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE LESSONS TO YOUNG
7 PEOPLE, HOLD COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL EVENTS, AND IS A SAFE
8 HAVEN FOR NEWLY ARRIVED VIETNAMESE IMMIGRANTS. THE MOST
9 VENERABLE CHON TRI HAS LIVED A LIFE OF TOTAL SERVICE AND
10 DEVOTION TO THE BUDDHIST TEACHINGS, AND WE'RE THANKFUL TO HAVE
11 HIM HERE TODAY TO BE A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. WE
12 THANK YOU SO MUCH, VENERABLE CHON TRI. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU,
13 MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO, AT THIS TIME, RECOGNIZE VANESSA
14 DIAZ. SHE BEGAN HER SERVICE IN THE ARMY AFTER GRADUATING FROM
15 SAN GABRIEL HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 801ST BRIGADE
16 SUPPORT BATTALION BASED OUT OF FORT CAMPBELL IN KENTUCKY. AND
17 AS A PART OF THIS UNIT, SHE WAS DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF
18 OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. SHE
19 WAS AWARDED THE IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL, THE AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN
20 MEDAL, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL, AND THE
21 NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL. MS. DIAZ ACHIEVED A RANK OF SPECIALIST
22 AND WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF ACTIVE DUTY
23 SERVICE. SHE CURRENTLY RESIDES IN THE CITY OF ROSEMEAD WITH
24 HER SON, CADENCE, AND IS PURSUING A CAREER IN MECHANICAL
25 ENGINEERING AT EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE. WE'RE SO GRATEFUL

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1 THAT SHE COULD JOIN US TODAY, AND WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS
2 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO HER. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND NOW, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
5 PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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7 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** GOOD MORNING -- GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM
8 CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON
9 PAGE 3, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE
10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEMS 1-D, 2-D, 3-D,
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
12 PAGE 7, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM
13 1-H IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN
14 INTENT BY MIRA MONTE P.S.H. TO UNDERTAKE BOND FINANCING IN THE
15 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 12 MILLION TO FINANCE THE SITE
16 ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT OF MIRA MONTE
17 APARTMENTS IN AN UNINCORPORATED FLORENCE-FIRESTONE. AND ON
18 THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS
19 ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 2-H IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A
20 RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INTENT BY 980 NORTH PALM TO UNDERTAKE
21 BOND FINANCING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 10 MILLION TO
22 FINANCE THE SITE ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION OF PALM VIEW
23 APARTMENTS IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD. AND ON THIS ITEM,
24 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE
25 8, THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE

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1 DISTRICT. ON ITEM 1-P, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT
2 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 9, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 19, ON ITEMS 2 AND 3, A MEMBER OF
4 THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 4,
5 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS
6 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 5, THIS INCLUDES REVISIONS AS INDICATED
7 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
8 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 6, THIS INCLUDES
9 REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND MEMBERS
10 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 7,
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS
12 ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 11, AS INDICATED
13 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE
14 CALLED UP ONE TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON BOTH OF THESE
15 ITEMS. ON ITEM 8, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM
16 BE HELD. ON ITEM 11, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MEMBERS OF THE
17 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ALSO, THIS ITEM RELATES
18 TO ITEM 7 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 12,
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS
20 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 13, 14, AND 15, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
21 REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 16, THIS INCLUDES
22 REVISIONS AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND MEMBERS
23 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 17 AND
24 18, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
25 PAGE 24, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 20 THROUGH 47, ON ITEM

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21, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
ITEM 24, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MARCH 5TH, 2019, AS INDICATED ON THE
SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 26, 28, 29, AND 30, MEMBERS OF
THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 31, THE
DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
TWO WEEKS TO MARCH 5TH, 2019. ON ITEMS 32, 33, 34, 35, A
MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON
ITEMS 37, 38, 39, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT
THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS 41 AND 42, A MEMBER OF THE
PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON PAGE 39, THIS
INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE
POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEMS 45-A, 45-B, 45-
C, AND 45-D, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST IN THESE ITEMS BE
HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS THROUGH 45-D ARE BEFORE YOU.

SUP. HAHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. SO, IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS. IF
THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE
ORDER.

CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.: ON PAGE 41, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON
ITEM CS-5, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 26TH, 2019. THAT COMPLETES

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1 THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRESENTATIONS
2 BEGIN WITH THE CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I AM SO PLEASED TODAY TO WELCOME
5 SALWAN SINJAREE, THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL OF IRAQ HERE IN LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY. AS CONSUL GENERAL, HE WILL PROVIDE SERVICES TO
7 THE IRAQI COMMUNITY AND PROMOTE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL AND
8 ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO REGIONS. CONSUL GENERAL
9 SINJAREE HAS AN EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND AS A MEMBER OF IRAQ'S
10 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIR AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
11 UNITED NATIONS. HE RECEIVED A PH.D. IN PUBLIC LAW FROM MOSUL
12 UNIVERSITY AND HAS TAUGHT AT BOTH THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSUL AND
13 THE UNIVERSITY OF DUHAQ. CONSUL GENERAL SINJAREE IS ALSO A
14 PUBLISHED AUTHOR. HE'S WRITTEN THREE BOOKS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND
15 HAS CONTRIBUTED TO HUNDREDS OF SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES ON
16 HUMAN RIGHTS. CONSUL GENERAL SINJAREE, WELCOME TO LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY. THIS BOARD WISHES YOU THE BEST LUCK ON YOUR NEW
18 APPOINTMENT. AND WE HAVE A SPECIAL -- WELL, WHY DON'T YOU SAY
19 A FEW WORDS.

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21 **CONSUL SINJAREE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU, CHAIR. IT'S A
22 GREAT OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO BE HERE AND ADDRESS THIS DIGNIFIED
23 AUDIENCE. MY NAME IS SALWAN SINJAREE. I'M THE NEW CONSUL
24 GENERAL OF IRAQ TO LOS ANGELES. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK
25 THE GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES, THE PEOPLE OF UNITED STATES,

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1 FOR ALL THE SUPPORT AND COORDINATION WITH THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT
2 AND SUPPORTING THE IRAQI PEOPLE TO FIGHT AND DEFEAT THE
3 TERRORIST GROUP IN IRAQ. THE AMERICAN ARMY FIGHT THE
4 TERRORISTS SHOULDER TO SHOULDERS WITH IRAQIS. AND, FINALLY, WE
5 DEFEAT I.S.I.S. IN MOSUL. THAT'S MY CITY. [APPLAUSE] THANK
6 YOU. WE DEFEAT I.S.I.S. BY THAT SACRIFICE BY AMERICANS AND
7 OTHER COUNTRIES. WE FIGHT THE TERRORISM AND REPRESENT ALL THE
8 WORLD TO INVEST AND FIGHT. AND, FINALLY WE GOT THE VICTORY. IN
9 2010, THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ TOOK THE DECISION TO OPEN THE
10 GENERAL CONSULATE IN LOS ANGELES TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY, WHICH
11 IS ABOUT 100,000 IRAQIS IN CALIFORNIA, TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY
12 AND ALSO TO WORK ON STRENGTHENING THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP
13 RELATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND CALIFORNIA AND ESPECIALLY LOS
14 ANGELES. IN MANY FIELDS LIKE EDUCATION, CULTURAL, SOCIAL, AND
15 MORE. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORK WITH YOU TO GET ALL THIS
16 AMBITIOUS PURPOSES AND TO ACHIEVE BEST RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAQ
17 AND UNITED STATES AND ESPECIALLY CALIFORNIA AND LOS ANGELES.
18 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU HAVE THE NEXT
21 PRESENTATION.

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23 **SUP. SOLIS:** WE'RE SO PROUD OF EVERYBODY. THANK YOU, MADAM
24 CHAIR. I THINK MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE FULLY AWARE THAT WE'VE
25 BEEN CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR NOW FOR I THINK THE PAST TWO

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1 MONTHS. AND IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT TODAY WE'RE GOING TO BE
2 HONORING OUR LUNAR NEW YEAR HONOREES. AND HERE STANDING BEFORE
3 US ARE HONORABLE DAVID RU, STEWART KWOH, DR. HUGH VO, A3P --
4 A.3.P.C.O.N., THE FILIPINO WORKERS' CENTER, AND THE CAMBODIAN
5 EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. WILL YOU PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF
6 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] TODAY, WE'RE CELEBRATING HAPPY NEW YEAR,
7 LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE YEAR OF THE PIG. AND AS WE COME TO THE
8 FINAL DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION, I WANTED TO TAKE
9 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ALSO REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT.
11 I'D LIKE TO BEGIN WITH INTRODUCING OR ACKNOWLEDGING THE LOS
12 ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER, DAVID RU. COUNCILMEMBER RU
13 REPRESENTS THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOURTH COUNCILMATIC
14 DISTRICT. WITH HIS ELECTION IN 2015, COUNCILMEMBER RU BECAME
15 THE FIRST KOREAN AMERICAN, JUST THE SECOND ASIAN AMERICAN, TO
16 SERVE ON THE PRESTIGIOUS CITY COUNCIL. SINCE THEN, HE HAS
17 INSTITUTED LANDMARK REFORMS AT CITY HALL AND HAS BEEN A LEADER
18 ON MANY ISSUES SUCH AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ALSO A VOCAL
19 ADVOCATE FOR GREEN SPACE AND MORE PARK ACCESS. AND JUST
20 RECENTLY, HE'S TAKEN UP THE ISSUE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM.
21 WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT HE IS SERVING SO MANY OF US HERE, AND WE
22 HONOR HIM TODAY. PLEASE GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
23 [APPLAUSE] I'D LIKE TO NOW RECOGNIZE ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND OF
24 OURS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I THINK WITH ALL THE BOARD
25 MEMBERS, AND THAT IS OUR FRIEND STEWART KWOH. HE IS THE

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1 FOUNDER -- YES, YOU CAN CLAP FOR HIM. [APPLAUSE] HE IS THE
2 FOUNDER OF ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE IN LOS ANGELES.
3 MR. KWOH IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEADER IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS
4 MOVEMENT AND A LONG TIME FRIEND. HE COFOUNDED THE ASIAN
5 AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE IN LOS ANGELES, THE NATION'S
6 LARGEST A.P.I. LEGAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION SERVING
7 MORE THAN 15,000 PEOPLE ANNUALLY. ADVANCING JUSTICE AND
8 STEWART'S ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF ASIAN AMERICANS ACROSS THE
9 COUNTRY HAVE PRODUCED TREMENDOUS RESULTS FOR THE A.P.I.
10 COMMUNITY, FROM STRIKING DOWN DISCRIMINATORY ENGLISH-ONLY
11 POLICIES, TO HELPING VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES AND VICTIMS OF
12 HEINOUS GARMENT SWEATSHOPS. MR. KWOH IS AN EXAMPLE TO ALL OF
13 US. PLEASE GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] DR. HUGH
14 VO IS THE FOUNDER OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY OF POMONA
15 VALLEY, AND I'M HONORED TO HAVE HIM HERE TODAY. IN ADDITION TO
16 BEING AN ACCOMPLISHED PHYSICIAN AND CLINICAL PROFESSOR, DR. VO
17 HAS BEEN DEEPLY COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE. AS A REFUGEE
18 AFTER THE VIETNAM WAR, HE CAME OVER IMMENSE OBSTACLES TO BUILD
19 A SUCCESSFUL LIFE AND PRACTICE IN POMONA, BUT HE NEVER FORGOT
20 HIS ROOTS. DR. VO IS STILL A STRONG ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THE
21 VIETNAMESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND HAS BEEN DOING THAT FOR THE
22 LAST 40 YEARS. WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AND RECOGNIZE YOU, DR.
23 VO, FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE]
24 THE NEXT HONOREE IS THE ASIAN PACIFIC POLICY AND PLANNING
25 COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE -- YES, YOU CAN CLAP. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,

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1 MANJU KULKARNI, IS HERE TO ACCEPT THE ORGANIZATION'S
2 RECOGNITION. A.3.P.C.O.N., AS IT IS KNOWN, IS A COALITION OF
3 40 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE AND REPRESENT THE
4 1.5 MILLION ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN L.A.
5 COUNTY. FOR OVER 40 YEARS, THE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE
6 VEHICLE FOR POSITIVE POLICY CHANGES WITHIN THE A.P.I.
7 COMMUNITY. THEY HAVE ACTIVATED A.P.I. VOTERS, WORKED TO PASS
8 VITAL LEGISLATION, AND BUILT A LASTING COALITION TO ADVOCATE
9 FOR ASIAN AMERICANS EVERYWHERE. I'M HAPPY TO HAVE MANJU HERE
10 TODAY AND ALL OF OUR ADVOCATES FROM A.3.P.C.O.N. PLEASE GIVE
11 THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] AND, NEXT, THE
12 FILIPINO WORKERS CENTER, WHICH HAS BEEN A VOICE FOR FILIPINO
13 WORKERS FOR OVER 20 YEARS. THEY HAVE BEEN FIGHTING HARD FOR
14 THE RIGHTS OF DOMESTIC WORKERS. THE ORGANIZATION HAS HELPED TO
15 BUILD A COALITION THAT CLEARLY IS HELPING THEM LEAD THE FIGHT
16 FOR A LIVING WAGE AND HEALTH BENEFITS FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS.
17 I'VE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THEIR DEDICATED WORK ON SO MANY
18 ISSUES, INCLUDING HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, FOR SO MANY OF
19 OUR IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE
20 LIFTING UP THEIR VOICES FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS. PLEASE GIVE THEM
21 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT
22 LEAST, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE FABULOUS LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 CAMBODIAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND THE KOREAN AMERICAN PUBLIC
24 EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION. THEY HAVE BEEN GREAT PARTNERS WITH OUR
25 OFFICE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, AND I WANTED TO TAKE THIS

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICLY THANK THEM. PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND
2 OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] FINALLY, I WILL ASK COUNCILMEMBER RU,
3 DR. KWOH, AND DR. VO TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

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5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS. IT IS SUCH AN
6 HONOR TO BE RECOGNIZED BY YOU ALONG WITH THESE TITANS IN THE
7 COMMUNITY. AND FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL
8 THE OTHER HONOREES, BUT I WANT TO STATE THAT I STAND ON TOP OF
9 YOUR SHOULDERS. I WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY IF IT WERE NOT FOR
10 ALL THE PAST, CURRENT AND FUTURE WORK THAT EVERYONE ON THIS
11 STAGE DOES. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. AND ALSO TO SUPERVISOR
12 HILDA SOLIS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING SUCH A CHAMPION OF,
13 NOT JUST THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, BUT ALL COMMUNITIES OF
14 COLOR, OF THOSE WHO ARE DISENFRANCHISED, AND ALL OF YOUR HARD
15 WORK THAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. I AM
16 SO PROUD TO CALL YOU A FRIEND AND A MENTOR. THANK YOU SO VERY
17 MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SPEAKER:** I WANTED TO JOIN IN THANKING SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS
20 FOR THIS WONDERFUL AWARD AND ESPECIALLY FOR HER WONDERFUL WORK
21 FOR ALL COMMUNITIES. I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE
22 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS AWARD. I AM ALWAYS IN AWE OF ALL THE WORK
23 THAT IS BEING DONE IN THE COUNTY TO MAKE US HEALTHY. I WANT TO
24 SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR, WE'RE REALLY
25 REMINDED ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT FAMILY IS, HOW IMPORTANT OUR

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1 ASSOCIATES ARE, HOW IMPORTANT OUR STAFFS ARE AND OUR BOARDS.
2 BUT AS TIME GOES ON, WE'RE REALLY REMINDED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS
3 TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO SAY
4 WE JOIN WITH YOU IN THE CAUSE OF ADVANCING JUSTICE FOR ALL
5 PEOPLE IN OUR GREAT COUNTY AND OUR GREAT STATE AND OUR GREAT
6 COUNTRY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SPEAKER:** FIRST, IT IS MY HONOR TO BE HERE TODAY, AND I WANT TO
9 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I BE KNOW HER SINCE 1995. AND
10 MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I ACCEPT OUR HONOR TODAY
11 ON BEHALF OF MY COMMUNITY AND FOR THOSE IN VIETNAM WHO ARE
12 STILL FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM AND IN PRISON. IT IS MY VERY HONOR
13 TO BE HERE TODAY. I COME BACK HERE, IT LOOK LIKE FAMILY. I
14 TELL YOU SHORTLY WHY IS THAT. AND ALSO I WANT TO RECOGNIZE MY
15 FAMILY HERE TODAY AND MY BOARD MEMBER IN POMONA VALLEY. THANK
16 YOU FOR COMING ALL THE WAY OVER HERE WITH ME TODAY. I CAME IN
17 1975, AND I STAYED IN GARDENA. I CAME (INAUDIBLE) LIKE SHE
18 SAID. MY FIRST JOB AFTER I COME BACK FROM FLORIDA AS A DOCTOR
19 IS L.A. PROBATION HEALTH. I WORK HERE. I WORK AT QUO MEDICAL
20 CENTER IN 1976. AND MY FAMILY, WORK WITH (INAUDIBLE) HERE. SHE
21 C.E.O. IN L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE. SHARING
22 DEPARTMENT D.P.S.S., TWO OF THEM, NINE REALLY, BUT SOME OF
23 THEM RETIRE AND ONE STILL WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF. SO THANK
24 YOU, L.A. COUNTY. I'VE BEEN TRAVELING ALL THE WORLD. I GO AT
25 THE (INAUDIBLE) IN AMERICA AND OVERSEAS. I WENT TO UNITED

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1 NATIONS. I WENT TO WHITE HOUSE. I WENT TO STATE DEPARTMENT. I
2 TO WENT CONGRESS. BUT NOWHERE I COME LIKE HOME IN L.A. COUNTY.
3 IF I COME HERE, LOOK LIKE HOME, LOOK LIKE I FIRST WORK HERE
4 1980 L.A. PROBATION HEALTH. SO ALL OF YOU, THANK YOU FOR THE
5 HONOR TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY FIRST JOB HERE IS
6 COMMUNITY CARE (INAUDIBLE) SERVICE IN VENICE WITH MISSY MAC,
7 THE WIFE OF JOHN MAC. SO IT'S A LONG TIME. SO TODAY, I'M
8 HONORED TO COME BACK HERE TODAY. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE
9 L.A. COUNTY THE BEST OF PLACE FOR ALL OF EARTH WITH LOVE,
10 HAPPINESS, DIVERSITY. AND TOGETHER WE MAKE L.A. COUNTY
11 BEAUTIFUL AND STRONG AGAIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU,
12 SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** COLLEAGUES, I THINK SHE WANTS US TO JOIN HER
15 FOR A PHOTO. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'RE ON.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
20 TO THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD. WE'RE DELIGHTED TODAY TO
21 CONTINUE OUR PRESENTATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF BLACK HISTORY
22 MONTH AS WE CELEBRATE THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A CONTRIBUTION AND
23 CONTINUE TO DO SO. AND THIS MORNING, WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
24 AND ACKNOWLEDGE A VERY SPECIAL AND TALENTED YOUNG MAN FOR HIS
25 SUPERB ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC SUCCESS. AND I SPEAK OF NONE

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1 OTHER THAN MR. BLAKE SHEPHERD. GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
2 GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
3 [APPLAUSE] AND LET ME PROVIDE -- MADAM CHAIR, LET ME PROVIDE
4 THE EVIDENCE OF WHY BLAKE IS SPECIAL. HE'S A SENIOR AT
5 CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL AND WAS RECENTLY OFFERED AND HAS
6 ACCEPTED A FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF
7 TECHNOLOGY. [APPLAUSE] LISTEN CAREFULLY. HE IS ONE OF TEN
8 STUDENTS ACCEPTED OUT OF 16,000 SELECTED THROUGH THE
9 QUESTBRIDGE NATIONAL MATCH PROGRAM. THIS IS QUITE AN
10 ACCOMPLISHMENT. AND WE JUST SIMPLY WANT YOU TO KNOW, BEFORE WE
11 GO ONE STEP FURTHER, THAT WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF YOU.
12 [APPLAUSE] LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET ME JUST SAY IT THIS WAY.
13 BLAKE PERSONIFIES EVERY ASPECT OF LEADERSHIP THAT WE CAN ALL
14 HOPE FOR IN YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY AS THEY
15 SEEK TO MAKE THEIR WAY. WE NEED TO BE BEHIND THEM IN EVERY
16 SINGLE WAY POSSIBLE. AND LET ME TELL YOU, IF YOU WANT TO GET
17 BEHIND BLAKE, YOU NEED TO PUT YOUR TRACK SHOES ON TO KEEP UP
18 WITH HIM ACADEMICALLY AND ATHLETICALLY. THIS IS A YOUNG MAN
19 WHO HAS MAINTAINED A 4.86 G.P.A. WITH AN AVERAGE OF -- FOR SIX
20 CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS. I DID SAY 4.86. CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT?
21 [APPLAUSE] YEAH. JERON HAMLET IS ASKING HOW YOU DO THAT. TALK
22 TO BLAKE, HE CAN HOOK YOU UP. HE HAS SERVED AS STUDENT BODY
23 PRESIDENT AT CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL AND PRESIDENT OF THE
24 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. HE'S ALSO SERVED AS LEAD ANCHOR FOR
25 CATHEDRAL HIGH'S MORNING NEWS SHOW, "GOOD MORNING, PHANTOMS".

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1 AND HE'S ALSO A VOLUNTEER CALCULUS TUTOR AT HIS HIGH SCHOOL,
2 WHICH IS SOMETHING HIGHLY REGARDED AND APPRECIATED AMONG HIS
3 CLASSMATES. AND HE IS NOT LIMITED TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. HE
4 DOES MORE. HE VOLUNTEERS FOR SCHOOLS ON WHEELS, WHICH IS AN
5 AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM THAT HELPS HOMELESS CHILDREN.
6 AND I'M TOLD THIS IS SOMETHING NEAR AND DEAR TO HIS HEART. AND
7 PRIOR TO SUSTAINING A SPORTS INJURY IN 2017, BLAKE WAS RANKED
8 FIFTH IN THE SPRINT MEDLEY ARCADIA INVITATIONAL IN 2016. NOW,
9 IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS, THE ARCADIA INVITATIONAL IS
10 CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE MOST COMPETITIVE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK
11 AND FIELD MEETS IN THE UNITED STATES AND HAS BEEN BILLED AS
12 THE HOME OF NATIONAL RECORDS. BLAKE WAS NAMED THE SOUTHERN
13 CALIFORNIA REGIONAL CHAMPION IN THE 100 AND 200-METER RELAY IN
14 2015 AS WELL AS IN THE JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPION WHILE HE WAS
15 COMPETING IN THE JUNIOR OLYMPICS IN ILLINOIS. BUT NOW BLAKE AN
16 ASPIRES TO PURSUE A CAREER IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING AND HAS
17 ALREADY IDENTIFIED LOCKHEED MARTIN SKUNK WORKS, AS WELL AS
18 SPACEX AS POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS HE WILL PURSUE UPON COMPLETION
19 OF THIS DEGREE FROM M.I.T. AND SO, BLAKE, WE JUST SIMPLY WANT
20 TO SAY TO YOU, IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, WE WON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
21 WITH YOU. YOU SHOULD SET YOUR SIGHTS HIGH. REMEMBER, YOU STAND
22 ON THE SHOULDERS OF MANY WHO CAME BEFORE YOU WHO DID A LOT OF
23 BLOCKING, A LOT OF TACKLING, WHO DID A LOT OF STUDYING, A LOT
24 OF PRAYING, A LOT OF LIFTING SO YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU CAN DO.
25 THIS IS A BLACK HISTORY MONTH. WE CELEBRATE IT BY LOOKING TO

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1 THE PAST, BUT WE ALSO CELEBRATED BY LOOKING TO THE FUTURE,
2 THEREFORE WE CELEBRATE THE ONE AND ONLY BLAKE SHEPHERD. GIVE
3 HIM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] SO WE ARE VERY
4 DELIGHTED THAT HE'S ACCOMPANIED BY A WONDERFUL CROWD OF
5 WITNESSES HERE. AND TO EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, BLAKE,
6 WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU TO MAKE A FEW REMARKS AND THEN, IN SO
7 DOING, INTRODUCE THOSE WHO ARE WITH YOU TODAY. BLAKE SHEPHERD,
8 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

9

10 **BLAKE SHEPHERD:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR THAT
11 VERY WARM WELCOME. AND THANK YOU FOR THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR
12 HAVING ME HERE FOR THIS TREMENDOUS HONOR. I'LL TRY TO KEEP MY
13 REMARKS SHORT. ONE THING THAT I WILL ALWAYS SAY, UNTIL THE END
14 OF TIME, IS THAT EVERYTHING EVERYONE ACHIEVES BEGINS WITH
15 SOMEONE BELIEVING IN THEM IN WAYS THAT THEY DIDN'T EVEN
16 BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES. SOMETIMES, THAT COMES FROM PARENTS.
17 OTHER TIMES, THAT COMES FROM MENTORS, TEACHERS, AND
18 PROFESSORS. AND SOMETIMES, THAT COMES FROM THE L.A. COUNTY
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TO THAT END, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK
20 YOU AGAIN FOR THIS HONOR. AND IT'S A VERY HIGH PLEASURE TO BE
21 HERE THIS AFTERNOON. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] SO, THIS IS JUST MY
22 VERY BEAUTIFUL FAMILY. MY MOTHER, CONSTANCE HAMMONDS, MY DAD,
23 ROBERT SHEPHERD, MY DAD'S BEST FRIEND, SHAMEAN, AND ONE OF MY
24 DAD'S OTHER FRIENDS, MR. HAMLET. SO, ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, WHEN YOU SEE TALENT, AND IT'S ON THE
2 WAY UP, THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS, WHAT? EMBRACE IT AND
3 ENCOURAGE IT. SO I'M GOING TO SIMPLY ASK MY COLLEAGUES IF THEY
4 WOULD JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THIS YOUNG MAN. AND IF I COULD,
5 I'D ASK ALL OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE TO DO THE SAME. BUT,
6 INSTEAD, I'M JUST GOING TO ASK YOU TO EXTEND YOUR RIGHT HAND
7 FORWARD TOWARD BLAKE AND WISH HIM THE BEST THAT CAN BE HIS TO
8 OFFER. ROUND OF APPLAUSE AGAIN FOR BLAKE. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BEFORE I DO THIS NEXT
11 PRESENTATION, I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO
12 SOME STUDENTS WHO ARE HERE WITH US TODAY, THE LA MIRADA YOUTH
13 IN GOVERNMENT STUDENTS, WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND? [APPLAUSE] OH
14 WOW. THE LA MIRADA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT STUDENTS, THEY'RE
15 JOINING US TODAY TO OBSERVE OUR MEETING AND LEARN ABOUT COUNTY
16 GOVERNMENT. AND I WILL TELL YOU WE ACTUALLY DO MORE BUSINESS
17 THAN JUST HONORING PEOPLE. THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF OUR
18 MEETINGS. WE ALWAYS TAKE THE TIME TO GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONOR
19 IS DUE. BUT WE ACTUALLY DO CONDUCT A LOT OF COUNTY BUSINESS
20 AFTER WE'RE DONE HONORING PEOPLE. THE LA MIRADA YOUTH IN
21 GOVERNMENT PROGRAM IS RUN BY THE CITY OF LA MIRADA AND GIVES
22 STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
23 DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE
24 COMMUNITY. AGAIN, LET'S HAVE A WARM WELCOME TO THE LA MIRADA
25 YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT STUDENTS WHO ARE HERE WITH US TODAY.

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1 [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. OKAY. NOW, IT GIVES ME
2 GREAT PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM OF
3 WEST HIGH SCHOOL IN TORRANCE FOR WINNING THE 2019 LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY ACADEMIC DECATHLON. LET'S HEAR IT FOR THESE REALLY
5 SMART STUDENTS. [APPLAUSE] THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON IS A
6 RIGOROUS TWO-DAY SCHOLASTIC TEAM COMPETITION, AND IT'S
7 ORGANIZED BY OUR OWN LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION.
8 AND IT TESTS THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.
9 THE COMPETITION CHALLENGED 50 HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS IN ANALYTIC
10 SKILLS, PERFORMANCE ABILITIES, AND WRITING APTITUDE IN SEVEN
11 KNOWLEDGE TESTS AS WELL AS INTERVIEW, SPEECH, AND ESSAY. THE
12 OUTSTANDING TEAM OF WEST HIGH ACHIEVED AN OVERALL SCORE OF
13 54,459 POINTS OUT OF A POSSIBLE 60,000. THAT IS REALLY
14 AMAZING. LET'S HEAR IT AGAIN FOR THIS INCREDIBLE TEAM.
15 [APPLAUSE] AND THEIR PERFORMANCE HAS SECURED THEM A SPOT IN
16 THE STATE COMPETITION. FOR A RECORD-SETTING 13 STRAIGHT YEARS,
17 YOU ALL HAVE GONE TO THE STATE COMPETITION. THAT'S ANOTHER
18 GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT. JUNIOR, KENDALL KIRIO, WAS THE FIRST
19 PLACE WINNER IN THE HONORS CATEGORY AND THE TOP SCORING
20 DECATHLON OVERALL. WHICH ONE'S KENDALL? CONGRATULATIONS,
21 KENDALL. THAT'S AN EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENT. AS YOU COULD
22 IMAGINE, VICTORY DOESN'T COME EASY. THESE STUDENTS STUDIED
23 TOGETHER FOR ABOUT FIVE HOURS A DAY SINCE LAST SUMMER. THAT'S
24 AMAZING. IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THEY COULD NOT HAVE
25 DONE IT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THEIR FAMILIES AND CERTAINLY

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1 WITHOUT THE HELP OF THEIR DEDICATED COACHES AND ADVISERS.
2 THANK YOU FOR MAKING US PROUD. WE WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK IN
3 OUR STATE COMPETITION. I NOW WANTED TO WELCOME COACH ANN
4 CORTINA TO ACCEPT THIS SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THE TEAM AND SAY A
5 FEW WORDS. YOU CAN SAY A FEW WORDS, AND THEN WE'LL GIVE YOU
6 THIS SCROLL, DEPENDING UPON HOW WELL YOU SPEAK. JUST KIDDING.

7

8 **ANN CORTINA:** NOT AS WELL AS THEY DO. ANYWAY, I JUST WANT TO
9 SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR INVITING US HERE TODAY. THANK YOU
10 TO SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN AND TO THE OTHER SUPERVISORS, TO THE
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION WHO MAKES OUR
12 COMPETITION POSSIBLE, AND, OF COURSE, TO OUR SCHOOL, WEST HIGH
13 SCHOOL, AND THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE'RE
14 HONORED TO BE HERE AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. LET'S HEAR IT AGAIN FOR
17 THIS VERY WONDERFUL TEAM AND WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISHED.

18 [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BARGER.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SAY THIS. MISSION
23 ACCOMPLISHED. [APPLAUSE] I DON'T KNOW WHY. IT JUST SOUNDS,
24 WHEN THEY SAY IT ON THE NEWS, IT SOUNDS GOOD. I KNOW. AFTER A
25 LONG AWAITED 300 MILLION-MILE JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AND SPACE,

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1 N.A.S.A.'S NEWEST SPACE CRAFT SAFELY LANDED ON MARS ON
2 NOVEMBER 26TH. NAMED INSIGHT, SHORT FOR INTERIOR EXPLORATION
3 USING SEISMIC INVESTIGATIONS, GEODESY AND HEAT TRANSPORT, THE
4 SPACECRAFT IS THE FIRST SPACE ROBOTIC EXPLORER DESIGNED TO
5 STUDY THE CRUST, MANTLE, AND CORE OF MARS. LET'S GIVE THEM A
6 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] INSIGHT LAUNCHED FROM
7 VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE ON MAY 5TH OF LAST YEAR, MAKING IT
8 THE FIRST INTERPLANETARY LAUNCH FROM THE WEST COAST. IN
9 ADDITION TO BEING THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN MANY REGARDS, THIS
10 PROJECT IS SO SPECIAL BECAUSE IT REALLY IS A TEAM EFFORT.
11 ALONGSIDE THE FIFTH DISTRICT'S OWN JET PROPULSION LABORATORY,
12 WHICH IS IN LA CANADA, NOT PASADENA, THEY ALWAYS CORRECT ME
13 WHEN I SAY THAT, THE PROJECT INCLUDED A COLLABORATION BETWEEN
14 THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, LOCKHEED MARTIN, AND
15 10 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THIS UNIQUE AND FORWARD-
16 THINKING PROJECT WILL ALLOW THE BRIGHTEST SCIENTISTS OF OUR
17 GENERATION TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE FORMATION AND EVOLUTION OF
18 OTHER PLANETS BY EXAMINING TECTONIC ACTIVITY -- THAT'S WHY I
19 DIDN'T GO TO M.I.T. OR CAL TECH, METEORITES, SEISMOLOGY, AND
20 HEAT FLOW. THE PROJECT IS TRULY PROVIDING VALUABLE INSIGHT
21 INTO INNOVATIVE SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENT. AS WE CELEBRATE THIS
22 OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH, KNOWLEDGE, AND SPACE EXPLORATION, I
23 WANT TO THANK THE INCREDIBLE TEAM AT J.P.L., WHO HAS GONE
24 ABOVE AND BEYOND TO REALLY PROPEL LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTO THE
25 FUTURE AS A LEADER IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. AND I HAVE TO

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1 SAY THAT, WHEN YOU ALL HAVE YOUR OPEN HOUSE, THERE IS A LINE
2 DOWN THE 210 FREEWAY OF PEOPLE THAT WANT TO COME IN AND
3 EXPERIENCE J.P.L. AND IT REALLY IS, FOR ME, AN HONOR TO
4 REPRESENT YOU IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, BUT REALLY IN L.A.
5 COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO'S JOINED
6 US HERE TODAY. I THINK WE HAVE TOM HOFFMAN, WHO IS THE INSIGHT
7 PROJECT MANAGER, BRUCE BANERDT, INSIGHT PRINCIPLE
8 INVESTIGATOR, SUE DID NOT MAKE IT, BUT SUE SMREKAR IS THE
9 INSIGHT DEPUTY PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR, CHUCK SCOTT, INSIGHT
10 PROJECT MANAGER, CHRISTINE SZALAI, WELL, THEY DID IT SPECIAL
11 FOR ME, VOICE OF INSIGHT, E.D.L. AND E.D.L. SYSTEM ENGINEER,
12 BRIAN BONE, OKAY, WELL HE IS THE INSIGHT FLIGHT SYSTEM
13 ENGINEER. AND PILAR LEON, INSIGHT STAFF ASSISTANT. WHO DID I
14 MISS? OH, NO, I GOT PILAR. I WANT TO THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, IT
15 AMAZING US WHEN WE TURN ON THE NEWS. YOU ALL DO THINGS, AND I
16 KNOW IT IS A PASSION FOR YOU. BUT I KNOW THAT WHATEVER WE FIND
17 OUT THIS IS REALLY GOING TO HELP US ADDRESS SO MANY THINGS
18 MOVING FORWARD. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU. AND I DON'T KNOW IF
19 YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR RECOGNIZING US. BUT, REALLY,
22 THIS REPRESENTS, AS YOU SAID, SUPERVISOR, MANY, MANY PEOPLE.
23 IT JUST SO HAPPENS ALL FIVE OF US HAPPEN TO BE FROM YOUR
24 DISTRICT. BUT WE HAVE PEOPLE FROM EVERY SINGLE DISTRICT IN
25 L.A. COUNTY ON OUR TEAM. AND BEYOND THAT, WE HAVE PEOPLE IN

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1 OTHER STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. REALLY IT
2 TAKES MORE THAN A VILLAGE TO BUILD A SPACECRAFT. IT TAKES AN
3 ENTIRE PLANET TO BUILD THIS PARTICULAR SPACECRAFT. AND I'M
4 VERY PROUD TO BE REPRESENTING ALL THOSE PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE
5 WORLD HERE TODAY TO GET YOUR RECOGNITION. AND I'M VERY PROUD
6 OF THE FACT, AS YOU MENTIONED, WE ARE THE VERY FIRST
7 INTERPLANETARY LAUNCH EVER FROM CALIFORNIA. BEING A NATIVE
8 CALIFORNIAN, THAT WAS A REALLY BIG THING FOR ME TO BREAK THE
9 MONOPOLY THAT THE EAST COAST HAS HELD ON PLANETARY LAUNCHES.
10 SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR RECOGNIZING US. AND I KNOW, I THINK
11 BLAKE LEFT, BUT HE SHOULD KEEP J.P.L. IN MIND IN HIS LIST OF
12 PLACES THAT HE MIGHT WANT TO WORK IN THE FUTURE. WE CAN USE
13 BRIGHT PEOPLE LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** I TOLD BLAKE THAT, YEAH. BUT I SAID TO HIM, ONE
16 WINTER BACK AT M.I.T., HE'S GOING TO WANT TO COME BACK AND
17 WORK FOR J.P.L. AND ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, I'D LIKE TO GIVE
18 THIS TO YOUR TEAM. AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** OH THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. ALSO, ARE YOU
23 DOING YOUR PETS? YOUR PETS. HERE THEY ARE.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER:** I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO BESS. BESS IS AN
2 AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG. AND SHE IS ONLY FOUR MONTHS OLD. AND
3 SHE'S AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT THE DOWNEY SHELTER. YOU CAN
4 CALL 562-728-4610. AND SHE IS THE SWEETEST, SWEETEST DOG.
5 SHE'S GOING TO BE A BIG, BIG GIRL. BUT SHE'S A CATTLE DOG.
6 THAT MEANS SHE LIKES TO ROUND EVERYONE UP. WE SHOULD BRING HER
7 HERE ON TUESDAYS. SHE'S A GOOD HERDING DOG.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BE THE BOARD DOG.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH, THIS WILL BE THE BOARD DOG.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SACHI IS LOOKING LIKE SHE WANTS IT.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** I THINK MY BROTHER'S GOING TO TAKE HER. AND THIS
16 IS MARTY. I'M GOING TO MAKE THIS SHORT AND SWEET BECAUSE MARTY
17 IS GOING TO WIGGLE. THIS IS A THREE MONTH OLD KITTEN AVAILABLE
18 AT THE DOWNEY SHELTER, AS WELL. YOU CAN DIAL 562-728-4610. AND
19 THERE ARE MANY MORE MARTYS LOOKING FOR ADOPTION. THIS IS HOW
20 YOU KEEP THEM OCCUPIED, KIND OF LIKE A CHILD. ANYWAY, THANK
21 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF OUR
24 PRESENTATIONS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY OUR CODE
25 OF CONDUCT.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
3 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
5 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
6 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
7 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
8 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
9 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
10 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
11 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
12 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
13 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
14 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
15 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
16 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
17 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
18 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
19 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
20 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
21 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
22 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF
23 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS AND
24 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
25 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT

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1 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
2 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR
3 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
4 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
5 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
6 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY, NOW WE'RE GOING
9 TO ITEM 4, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SUPERVISOR
10 SOLIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME OPENING REMARKS?

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK
13 YOU FOR COAUTHORING THIS VERY IMPORTANT ITEM TO OPPOSE A
14 PROPOSED EXPANSION OF QUEMETCO. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE SEVERAL
15 SPEAKERS HERE TODAY THAT ARE REPRESENTING BOTH OF OUR
16 DISTRICTS. AND I KNOW THIS IS VERY NEAR AND DEAR TO YOUR HEART
17 AS IT IS TO MINE. QUEMETCO IS ONE OF THOSE BATTERY RECYCLING
18 FACILITIES THAT STILL EXISTS TODAY IN THE CITY OF INDUSTRY IN
19 THE FIRST DISTRICT. I ALSO HAVE A LONG HISTORY WITH QUEMETCO.
20 UNFORTUNATELY, MY FATHER SPENT ALMOST 20 YEARS WORKING THERE
21 WHILE WE WERE GROWING UP. AND LITTLE DID WE KNOW AT THAT TIME
22 HOW HARMFUL HIS JOB WAS TO GET UP EVERY DAY, TO GO TO WORK,
23 AND PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY. BUT LITTLE DID HE KNOW OF THE
24 CHEMICALS, IN PARTICULAR, LEAD, THAT HE WAS EXPOSED TO. HE
25 ULTIMATELY ENDED UP GETTING LEAD POISONING AND ALSO DIED OF A

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1 HEART ATTACK, HAD SEVERAL STROKES. BUT THAT'S JUST ONE OF MANY
2 INSTANCES OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY QUEMETCO OVER
3 THE LAST 30 YEARS. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT BECAUSE THERE ARE
4 MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT HERE WHOSE VOICES ALSO HAVE TO BE
5 HEARD AND SOME INDIVIDUALS WHO PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY
6 BECAUSE OF CANCER, TUMORS, AND THE LIKE. TODAY, THOUGH, WE'RE
7 TALKING ABOUT A FACILITY THAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED NOT JUST BY
8 OUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR RESIDENTS THAT WE REPRESENT BUT ALSO HAS
9 BEEN IDENTIFIED BY CAL E.P.A. AS A DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY
10 THAT HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY QUEMETCO. IT'S A PREDOMINANTLY LOW
11 INCOME AND PLACE OF IMMIGRANTS AND OTHERS. AND ITS RESIDENTS
12 ARE MOSTLY PEOPLE OF COLOR. IT'S A VERY PERSONAL MATTER, AS I
13 SAID BEFORE. QUEMETCO HAS BEEN OPERATING SINCE 1972. AND IT IS
14 THE ONLY LEAD ACID BATTERY RECYCLING PLANT OPERATING IN THE
15 UNITED STATES WEST OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. THE LAST ONE THAT
16 WE NEW OF WAS ALSO IN MY DISTRICT, EXIDE. AND THAT HAS BEEN
17 SHUTTERED. BUT IN THIS FACILITY, 600 TONS OF LEAD ACID
18 BATTERIES ARE CRUSHED AND MELTED EVERY SINGLE DAY TO RECLAIM
19 LEAD AND OTHER MATERIALS. QUEMETCO HAS APPLIED TO EXTEND ITS
20 OPERATIONS FOR ANOTHER 10 YEARS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION FROM 20
21 TO 24 HOURS AND TO SWITCH THE USE OF PETROLEUM -- AND TO
22 SWITCH TO THE USE OF PETROLEUM COKE, WHICH IS A MORE POLLUTING
23 FUEL SOURCE. WE TODAY URGE THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC
24 SUBSTANCE CONTROL, D.T.S.C., AND THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
25 MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO DENY THEIR PERMIT AND APPLICATION.

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1 THESE REQUESTS SHOULD BE DENIED BECAUSE QUEMETCO HAD
2 REPEATEDLY VIOLATED STATE LAWS IN ITS HANDLING OF LEAD AND
3 OTHER HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES. IN FACT, SINCE JULY OF 2017,
4 QUEMETCO HAD RECEIVED FOUR NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS FROM THE
5 SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. THESE REQUESTS
6 SHOULD BE DENIED BECAUSE QUEMETCO HAS ENDANGERED THE HEALTH OF
7 ITS WORKERS AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES BY EXPOSING THEM
8 TO LEAD, ARSENIC, CADMIUM, AND OTHER TOXIC MATERIALS. THERE IS
9 NO KNOWN SAFE LEVEL OF EXPOSURE TO LEAD. THAT MEANS THAT ANY
10 EXPOSURE IS DANGEROUS, AND PARTICULARLY TO CHILDREN AND
11 PREGNANT WOMEN. THEY ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE. MOREOVER,
12 ARSENIC IS A KNOWN CAUSER -- CANCER CAUSING AGENT. KNOWING ALL
13 OF THESE DANGERS, OUR STATE AGENCIES MUST NOT ALLOW THE
14 EXPANSION OF QUEMETCO, AND THEY MUST DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
15 PREVENT ANOTHER EXIDE. D.T.S.C. HAS FURTHER ORDERED QUEMETCO
16 TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL SOIL SAMPLING. AND UNTIL WE KNOW THE
17 FULL EXTENT OF THE CONTAMINATION, EXPANDING ANY OPERATION
18 WOULD BE PREMATURE AND IRRESPONSIBLE AND WOULD PUT MORE
19 VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES UNNECESSARILY AT RISK. WE HAVE A NEW
20 GOVERNOR NOW, AND WE HAVE NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE CAL E.P.A.,
21 SECRETARY GERALD BRUMINFIELD, WHO IS WELL AWARE OF THIS
22 PARTICULAR FACILITY AND IS PROVIDING LEADERSHIP ON THE ISSUE
23 ALREADY. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH BOTH YOU AS WELL
24 AS OUR STATE LEADERSHIP AND THOSE THAT REPRESENT US IN THE
25 STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS AND TO DO THE

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1 RIGHT THING, TO ADVOCATE FOR THOSE AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN
2 IMPACTED UNFAIRLY. AND TODAY, MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE, FOR THE
3 RECORD, A LETTER FROM COUNCILMEMBER DAN HOLLOWAY, THE CITY OF
4 LA PUENTE, THAT I'D ALSO LIKE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECORD AND TO
5 HEAR FROM OUR OTHER WITNESSES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM
6 CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND I JUST
9 WANTED TO ALSO MAKE SOME COMMENTS AND START, OF COURSE, BY
10 THANKING YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS. YOU'VE BEEN WORKING
11 ON THIS FOR A LONG TIME. AND I APPRECIATE, PARTICULARLY WITH
12 YOUR PERSONAL CONNECTION TO THIS FACILITY, TO THINK THAT YOUR
13 OWN DEAR SWEET FATHER WORKED THERE, AGAIN TO PROVIDE FOR HIS
14 FAMILY. AND I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF INDUSTRIES WHERE, YOU
15 KNOW, PEOPLE HAVE GONE TO WORK EVERY DAY PROVIDING FOR THEIR
16 FAMILIES. AND IT WAS ONLY LATER THAT WE BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND
17 THE HEALTH IMPACTS, YOU KNOW, THE PORTS OF LOS ANGELES AND
18 LONG BEACH, I KNOW, AGAIN, GOOD JOBS, GOOD PAYING JOBS, BUT
19 CERTAINLY A SOURCE OF POLLUTION. AND MANY WORKERS HAVE COME
20 DOWN WITH ILLNESSES AND DISEASES I KNOW THAT ARE DIRECTLY
21 RELATED TO THAT. SO ONCE WE FIND OUT, THAT'S WHEN WE BEGIN TO
22 ACT. AND I THINK WHAT WE'RE DOING IS RIGHT. AND AS YOU SAID,
23 THE QUEMETCO BATTERY RECYCLING PLANT IS NOT IN MY DISTRICT.
24 IT'S IN YOURS, BUT MY CONSTITUENTS IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND
25 AVOCADO HEIGHTS, YOU KNOW, LIVE JUST 600 FEET FROM THIS

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1 FACILITY. I WANTED EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT BOTH YOU AND I HAVE
2 COME OUT PUBLICLY AGAINST QUEMETCO'S PROPOSED EXPANSION. AND
3 WE'VE SENT LETTERS TO BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES
4 CONTROL, AND WE'VE ALSO SENT LETTERS TO OUR COLLEAGUES ON
5 A.Q.M.D. ASKING THAT THESE PERMITS BE DENIED. AND WHAT WE'RE
6 ASKING TODAY IS OF COURSE IS THAT WE COULD GET OUR COLLEAGUES
7 HERE ON THE BOARD TO EXPRESS OUR UNITED OPPOSITION TO THIS
8 PROPOSAL. THERE WOULD BE INCREASED TRAFFIC AND POLLUTION
9 ASSOCIATED WITH THIS OPERATION'S EXPANSION, AND MANY FEEL THAT
10 THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE. BUT IT'S EVEN MORE ALARMING WHEN YOU LOOK
11 AT QUEMETCO'S HISTORY OF MISHANDLING THE TOXIC SUBSTANCES THAT
12 THEY ARE IN CHARGE OF DISPOSING OF. QUEMETCO HAS REPEATEDLY
13 VIOLATED STATE LAWS IN THEIR HANDLING OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES
14 INCLUDING LEAD, ARSENIC, AND ALSO ENDANGERING BOTH THEIR OWN
15 WORKERS AND NEARBY RESIDENTS. SO, IN FACT, THE STATE ALLEGED
16 29 SEPARATE VIOLATIONS IN A CIVIL COMPLAINT AGAINST THE
17 COMPANY THAT WAS FILED LAST NOVEMBER. AND I THINK, AND I KNOW
18 YOU AGREE, THAT THESE VIOLATIONS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS PLANT
19 SHOULD NOT BE REWARDED WITH AN EXPANSION PERMIT BECAUSE THEY
20 RAISE SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THE FACILITY'S CURRENT
21 OPERATIONS. AND TO THIS DAY, WE DON'T KNOW THE FULL EXTENT OF
22 THEIR LEAD CONTAMINATION IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY BECAUSE,
23 AS YOU SAID, THE INITIAL TESTING WAS FAR TOO LIMITED. AND THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL ESTIMATED THAT LEAD
25 CONTAMINATION COULD REACH AS FAR AS 1.6 MILES AWAY FROM THE

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1 FACILITY, AND BOTH YOU AND I ASKED THE STATE TO EXPAND THE
2 TESTING PERIMETER AND SHARE THE RESULTS WITH THE PUBLIC AS
3 SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND I THINK THE MOTION TODAY, IF PASSED,
4 WILL PUT THE FULL WEIGHT OF OUR BOARD BEHIND THESE REQUESTS. I
5 THINK THE FAMILIES BOTH IN YOUR DISTRICT AND MY DISTRICT NEED
6 ANSWERS, AND ANY CONTAMINATION NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH QUICKLY.
7 AND AS YOU SAID, WE HAVE A NEW GOVERNOR. AND I THINK WE SHOULD
8 URGE GOVERNOR NEWSOM TO LOOK -- TAKE ALL THIS INTO EFFECT, AND
9 PARTICULARLY HIS DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL AND THE
10 A.Q.M.D., URGING THEM TO DENY THIS PROPOSED EXPANSION. I ALSO
11 HAVE A LETTER TODAY FROM MIKE WILLIAMS, WHO IS IN THE HACIENDA
12 HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, AND HE SENT A LETTER TODAY,
13 AS WELL, URGING US TO DENY THIS PROPOSED EXPANSION. SO WITH
14 THAT, I HAVE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL ON
15 THE QUEUE. KUEHL ON THE QUEUE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, COLLEAGUES. WHAT
18 WE HAVE LEARNED FROM DEALING WITH VARIOUS ISSUES ACROSS THE
19 COUNTY, SUCH AS ALISO CANYON, SUCH AS EXIDE, JUST TO NAME TWO
20 EXAMPLES. A THREAT TO ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ANYWHERE IS A
21 THREAT TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE EVERYWHERE. AND I THINK
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS BEEN STALWART IN HER ADVOCACY AROUND SUCH
23 ISSUES. WE TAKE NOTE OF HER LEADERSHIP AGAIN IN THIS INSTANCE
24 AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE COAUTHORSHIP OF THE CHAIR. BUT I WANT TO
25 ASSERT THAT THERE IS SIMPLY NO EXCUSE FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS

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1 IN THE WAY THAT COMPROMISES THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR
2 RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES AND/OR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. NO
3 EXCUSE. YOU CAN'T RATIONALIZE IT. THEREFORE, WE ARE OBLIGED TO
4 DEAL WITH IT HEAD ON. I WANT TO APPLAUD THE AUTHOR AND THE
5 COAUTHOR, THEIR LEADERSHIP HERE. IT IS AN ISSUE THAT WE ALL
6 HAVE TO BE ATTENTIVE TO. AND WHILE SAYING THAT, I THINK IT'S
7 THE ROLE OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND THE LEADERSHIP OF CAL
8 E.P.A. TO DO WHAT THEY OUGHT TO DO. THEY SEEM TO UNDERSTAND IT
9 AND SEEM TO GET IT, THEREFORE WE ENCOURAGE THEM. IT IS MY HOPE
10 AND EXPECTATION THAT THE STATE WILL NOT REPEAT ITS PAST
11 MISTAKES AND BEGIN TO USE ITS AUTHORITY AND THE FULL EXTENT OF
12 THAT AUTHORITY THROUGH CAL E.P.A. TO FOCUS CONSISTENT WITH ITS
13 MANDATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. AFTER ALL, THAT IS ITS
14 NAME. AND THIS IS CRUCIAL FOR THE CITY OF INDUSTRY, THE OTHER
15 GATEWAY CITIES, AND WHAT WE MAY OFTEN REFER TO AS
16 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. BUT LET ME MAKE IT CLEAR AS TO WHY
17 COMMUNITIES ARE DISADVANTAGED BECAUSE OF THESE KIND OF
18 PRACTICES. DRIVEN BY THE WORST IMPULSES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR
19 AND INFORMED BY THE NEGLECT OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR. THAT'S HOW
20 COMMUNITIES END UP BEING DISADVANTAGED. AND SO, WE'RE DEALING
21 WITH THIS IN A WAY THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH PUBLIC HEALTH,
22 PUBLIC SAFETY, AND SQUARING IT WITH THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF
23 EVERY PERSON WHO HAS TO BE SUBJECTED TO ENVIRONMENTS OF THIS
24 SORT. THEREFORE, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE

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1 CHAIR FOR ENTERING THIS MOTION FOR OUR CONSIDERATION AND TRUST
2 THAT IT WILL BE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. MADAM CHAIR?

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I VERY STRONGLY SUPPORT
7 THIS AND WILL JOIN IN THE VOTE. BUT IT CAUSES ME TO THINK AS
8 WE RESPOND TO THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST AND THE
9 FACT THAT WE ARE SO DEEPLY ENGAGED IN CLEANING UP SO MANY
10 THINGS, I THINK IT'S ALSO INCUMBENT ON US, NOT IN THE CONTEXT
11 OF THIS MOTION, BUT IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO THINK ABOUT THE
12 CONSEQUENCES OF OUR SUPPORT TO ELECTRIFY TRANSIT, FOR
13 INSTANCE, AND ALL OF THE WAYS IN WHICH WE ARE SAYING WE THINK
14 ELECTRICITY IS THE RIGHT WAY TO GO, WHICH MEANS BATTERIES,
15 BATTERIES, BATTERIES, BATTERIES. AND THOUGH I THINK WE'RE
16 LEARNING MORE ABOUT STORAGE, REUSE, THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT
17 WOULD MEAN WE WOULDN'T NEED TO RECYCLE, THERE MAY STILL BE
18 CREATED QUITE A MARKET FOR RECYCLING. AND IT MAY BE GOOD FOR
19 US TO SEE IF WE CAN WORK WITH PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS, WITH
20 THE STATE, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL TO
21 SEE IF THERE'S SOME WAY TO BEGIN TO ESTABLISH, A WAY TO THINK
22 AHEAD ABOUT HOW THIS WORK IS DONE, BEST PRACTICES, ETC. NOT
23 NECESSARILY ANYTHING FOR THE COUNTY TO DO AT THE MOMENT, BUT I
24 JUST THINK THAT WHERE THESE THINGS INTERSECT, WHERE WE'RE FOR
25 SOMETHING, BUT WE'VE SEEN THE BAD RESULTS IN THE PAST THAT I

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1 THINK IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR US TO THINK AHEAD ABOUT WHAT
2 MIGHT BE DONE BECAUSE THERE'S JUST GOING TO BE MORE AND MORE
3 BATTERY RECYCLING THAT WE WILL LOOK TO AND THINK IS NECESSARY.
4 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU MAKE A VERY GOOD POINT.
7 AGAIN, IT'S NOT THAT WE'RE AGAINST BATTERY RECYCLING. WE JUST
8 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE FACILITIES THAT ARE PERMITTED DO
9 IT IN A WAY THAT'S RESPONSIBLE AND NOT HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT
10 ON THE COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING THESE FACILITIES. THANK YOU FOR
11 THAT COMMENT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARE THERE MEMBERS OF
12 THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

13

14 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
15 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? MARILYN
16 KAMIMURA, DON MOSS, DAVID DIAZ, DUNCAN MCKEE, SCOTT MARTIN,
17 ADRIANNA QUINONES, GINA OOI, CHRIS SANCHEZ, LUCY PEDREGON.
18 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD. WHOEVER IS SITTING DOWN
21 FIRST.

22

23 **DAVID DIAZ:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS DAVID DIAZ, EL
24 MONTE RESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACTIVE SAN GABRIEL
25 VALLEY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BIKE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. OUR MISSION

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1 IS TO CREATE A MORE SUSTAINABLE, EQUITABLE, AND LIVABLE SAN
2 GABRIEL VALLEY. I WANT TO THANK BY THANKING SUPERVISOR HILDA
3 SOLIS AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR MOTION OPPOSING
4 QUEMETCO'S EXPANSION AND PERMIT RENEWAL UNTIL CURRENT
5 CONTAMINATION IS CLEANED UP. I'VE PERSONALLY WORKED ON VARIOUS
6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS IN THE WEST PUENTE VALLEY AREA
7 FROM PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL PARK MASTER PLAN TO THE L.A. PARKS
8 ASSESSMENT DEVELOPING AN ADVANCED ENERGY COMMUNITY TO OUR MOST
9 RECENT EFFORT WHERE WE'RE WORKING WITH U.C.L.A. TO MONITOR
10 INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AIR QUALITY WITHIN ZIP CODES 91746 AND
11 91732, AND 91746 BEING THE SAME ZIP CODE THAT QUEMETCO IS
12 CURRENTLY LOCATED. WILL ALL THE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT WE
13 CONDUCT, ONE OF THE TOP CONCERNS WE HEAR ABOUT MOST IN THE
14 AREA IS THE QUEMETCO FACILITY. IN THE U.S., NEARLY 134 MILLION
15 PEOPLE, OVER 40 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, ARE AT RISK OF
16 DISEASE AND PREMATURE DEATH BECAUSE OF AIR POLLUTION. I'M
17 RUNNING OUT OF TIME, BUT RIGHT NOW WE'RE CURRENTLY IN THE
18 MIDDLE OF DEPLOYMENT. AND WHAT WE HEAR REPEATEDLY IS FROM
19 PARENTS IN ZIP CODE 91746 IS THE CONCERNS THEY ARE RELUCTANT
20 TO LET THEIR CHILDREN GO OUTSIDE BECAUSE THE AIR IS HARMFUL.
21 AND THEN KNOWING THAT INDOOR AIR QUALITY IS TWO TO FIVE TIMES
22 WORSE, WE REALLY NEED AN URGENT SOLUTION TO THIS NOW. SO THANK
23 YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. I HOPE AND URGE YOU TO PASS THIS
24 MOTION AGAINST ALLOWING THEIR EXPANSION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **MARILYN KAMIMURA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
4 MARILYN KAMIMURA, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF AVOCADO HEIGHTS AND
5 MEMBER OF THE CLEAN AIR COALITION OF NORTH WHITTIER AND
6 AVOCADO HEIGHTS. CLEAN AIR COALITION HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY FOR
7 FIVE YEARS TO STOP THE EXPANSION OF QUEMETCO. AS A COMMUNITY
8 MEMBER, A PARENT, AND GRANDMOTHER, MY ROLE IS TO PROTECT THOSE
9 WHO ARE HARMED AND WILL BE HARMED. MY STORY IS PERSONAL. I
10 TAKE CARE OF GRANDCHILDREN, THREE AND FIVE, ON PROPERTY THAT
11 TESTED HIGH IN LEAD BY THE U.S.C. MEDICAL SCHOOL OF KECK AND
12 MUST TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THEM FROM HARM. WE LIVE
13 APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES FROM QUEMETCO. I THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS
14 AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR THIS MOTION. YOU DO NOT REALIZE HOW
15 MUCH THIS SUPPORT MEANS TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND URGE THE BOARD
16 OF SUPERVISORS TO PASS THIS MOTION. BY PASSING THIS MOTION,
17 YOU MOVE FORWARD IN PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF YOUR
18 CONSTITUENTS BY RECOGNIZING THAT QUEMETCO MUST BE HELD
19 ACCOUNTABLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. MARILYN
20 KAMARURA, C.A.C. MEMBER.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **DON MOSS:** MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME
25 IS DON C. MOSS, I ADDRESS THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION AS

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1 AN INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY ADVOCATE FROM AVOCADO HEIGHTS. THE
2 SUPERVISOR RECENTLY COMMENTED THAT AGENCIES ARE NOT ABLE TO
3 REGULATE THEMSELVES. I BELIEVE THIS ISSUE CLEARLY REFLECTS
4 THAT FACT. I WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO CONSIDER COPYING THE
5 STATE WATER BOARD ON THAT LETTER, ALSO. I MOVED TO AVOCADO
6 HEIGHTS IN THE LATE '80S. I IMMEDIATELY EXPERIENCED BURNING
7 EYES AND NOSE. LATER, I DEVELOPED CHRONIC ALLERGIC RHINITIS
8 AND A CHRONIC DRY COUGH. WITHIN A YEAR OF MOVING INTO THE
9 AREA, I DEVELOPED KERATOSIS ON MY HANDS AND FEET WHICH
10 DERMATOLOGISTS ATTRIBUTE TO HIGH LEVELS OF ENVIRONMENTAL
11 ARSENIC. SHORTLY AFTER MOVING IN, I BECAME AWARE OF QUEMETCO
12 AND ITS HAZARDOUS DISCHARGES. I IMMEDIATELY BECAME ACTIVE IN
13 THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY'S MOVEMENT TO CLEAN UP QUEMETCO.
14 QUEMETCO'S PUBLISHED DOCUMENTATION OF THE PLANT'S DISCHARGE
15 PLUME IDENTIFIED MY PROPERTY AS GROUND ZERO FOR MAXIMUM
16 FALLOUT FROM THAT DISCHARGE PLUME. THE LEGAL AS WELL AS MORAL
17 OBLIGATION TO DECLARE THE EFFECTS OF QUEMETCO RENDERED MY
18 PROPERTY UNSALABLE. TO DATE, THE ONLY SUBSTANTIAL CLEANUP OF
19 QUEMETCO REQUIRED BY THE REGULATORY AGENCIES HAS OCCURRED
20 AFTER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES IDENTIFIED OCCURRENCES WHICH THEY
21 HAVE FAILED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE.

22
23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. LUCY, ARE
24 YOU NEXT? WELCOME.

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1 **LUCY PEDREGON:** I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS FOR
2 ABOUT 40 YEARS. MY FAMILY RESIDES THREE QUARTERS OF A MILE
3 FROM QUEMETCO, A RECYCLING FACILITY THAT SMELTS BATTERY PARTS.
4 WHILE DOING THIS PROCESS, MINUTE PIECES OF LEAD, ARSENIC, AND
5 BENZENE ESCAPE UP THROUGH THE FILTER THEN RELEASE,
6 CONTAMINATING THE AIR THAT WE BREATHE. DRIVING BY THE FACILITY
7 WAS UNAVOIDABLE FOR ME. IT WAS MY ROUTE TO WORK EVERY DAY AND
8 FOR MANY YEARS TO VISIT FAMILIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY.
9 AFTER 10 YEARS OF RESIDENCE IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, I LEARNED
10 ABOUT THE DANGERS OF QUEMETCO. I DISCOVERED LEAD IS EXPOSED
11 THROUGH THE AIR, WATER, AND SOIL. AND THESE POLLUTANTS OF
12 CONCERN AFFECTING NOT ONLY ADULTS BUT ALSO OUR CHILDREN,
13 CHILDREN LIVING NEAR LEAD CAN DEVELOP BRAIN DAMAGE, DECREASE
14 THEIR I.Q., THEIR GROWTH STUNTED, AND HAVE THEIR BEHAVIOR
15 AFFECTED. AS ADULT, THAT SAME CHILD MAY ALSO EXPERIENCE
16 HEADACHES, MEMORY LOSS, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, KIDNEY DISEASE,
17 AND JOINT PAIN. BUT WHAT ABOUT ARSENIC? EXPOSURE TO ARSENIC IS
18 FOUND IN THE AIR WE BREATHE, PESTICIDES IN POULTRY,
19 VEGETABLES, AND JUICE PRODUCTS. AND MOST OF ALL, IT'S FOUND IN
20 INDUSTRIAL AREAS SUCH AS QUEMETCO THAT EMITS TOXIC FUMES IN
21 THE AIR. THE FUMES ARE BLOWN BY THE WIND AND SETTLE IN THE
22 NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. ADULTS ARE AFFECTED BY ARSENIC, THUS
23 DEVELOPING CARDIOVASCULAR PROBLEMS, LUNG DISEASE, BLADDER, AND
24 SO ON. WOMEN ARE EFFECTED DURING PREGNANCY. AS CHILDREN
25 MATURE, THEY TEST WITH INDICATION OF LOWER I.Q. SCORES.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO YOU KNOW WHAT? LET ME JUST
3 TELL EVERYBODY. IF YOU RUN OUT OF TIME, FEEL FREE TO SUBMIT
4 YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO US, AND WE'LL RED THEM.

5

6 **LUCY PEDREGON:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **DUNCAN MCKEE:** YES, MY NAME'S DUNCAN MCKEE. MY FAMILY'S LIVED
11 IN AVOCADO HEIGHTS SINCE 1947. I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH CHILDREN
12 THAT LIVED UP NEAR THE QUEMETCO FACILITY. WE APPEAR TO HAVE
13 ELEVATED LEVELS OF NUMEROUS HEALTH ISSUES, INCLUDING CANCERS,
14 LEARNING DISABILITIES, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. ALTHOUGH
15 CAUSATION'S HARD TO PROVE, IT'S WELL-DOCUMENTED THAT THE TOXIC
16 SUBSTANCES EMITTED BY QUEMETCO DO CAUSE SOME OF THESE TYPE OF
17 THINGS. I WANT TO BACK UP AND THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
18 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND THE REST OF BOARD FOR BRINGING THIS BEFORE
19 THE BOARD AND URGE THE BOARD TO PASS IT. OUR COMMUNITY SHOULD
20 NOT HAVE TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF RECYCLING BATTERIES FROM ALL
21 POINTS WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, INCLUDING THE
22 IMPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTES BEING PROCESSED AT THIS
23 FACILITY FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. A LOT OF THE SOIL TESTING
24 HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE, AND WE NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. I
25 HAVE NUMEROUS PETITIONS AT THAT SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THERE'S

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1 THREE, FOUR HUNDRED SIGNATURES THAT SUPPORT ALL ASPECTS OF
2 THIS MOTION. SO I URGE THE BOARD TO PASS IT AND THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF YOU'D LIKE TO TURN
6 IN THAT PETITIONS, WE'LL LOOK AT THAT.

7

8 **DUNCAN MCKEE:** ABSOLUTELY.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **SCOTT MARTIN:** SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WANT TO
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR INITIATING THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. MY
14 NAME IS SCOTT MARTIN, A 19-YEAR RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS,
15 CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT
16 ASSOCIATION. WE ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNITED TO
17 STRONGLY OPPOSE A PERMIT FROM THE S.C. A.Q.M.D. TO ALLOW A
18 TWENTY FIVE PERCENT INCREASE IN THROUGHPUT BY QUEMETCO. WE
19 SHOULD NOT HAVE MEMBERS OF OUR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY LIVING
20 WITHIN 600 FEET OF THIS FACILITY. SCHOOLS AND PARKS ARE
21 NEARBY. SINCE 1959, EMISSIONS FROM THIS PLANT HAVE POLLUTED
22 THE AIR AND SOILS OF OUR AREA LOCALLY AND DOWNWIND OF ITS
23 LOCATION. THIS CAN RESULT IN CHRONIC DAILY EXPOSURE TO CANCER-
24 CAUSING AND/OR HEALTH-DAMAGING LEAD, ARSENIC, AND ANTIMONY.
25 YOU ALREADY MENTIONED, AND MUST HAVE GOT A COPY OF MY NOTES

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1 BECAUSE YOU DID A GREAT JOB WITH A LOT OF THE STATISTICS,
2 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SINCE 2017, THESE NOTICES OF
3 VIOLATION, THE STATEWIDE LAWSUIT, WE JUST URGE THAT YOU
4 STRONGLY OPPOSE, AS A BODY, ANY EXPANSION OF QUEMETCO'S
5 OPERATIONS AND STOP THE CONTINUED ABUSE TO OUR HEALTH,
6 ENVIRONMENT, AND COMMUNITIES. A LARGE CONCERN OF MINE IS THEY
7 MUST BE MONITORED. I DO NOT WANT TO SEE BATTERIES LANDING IN
8 OUR RIVER BEDS AND IN MINING PITS IN THE DESERT LIKE DAYS GONE
9 BY WHEN WE USED TO BURY OUR USED OIL IN OUR BACKYARDS, NOT
10 THAT I EVER DID THAT. BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, HILDA SOLIS, MARK
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS, SHEILA KUEHL, JANICE HAHN, KATHRYN BARGER.
16 TODAY, I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT QUEMETCO. I'M HERE NOT ONLY
17 REPRESENTING MY COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS, BUT ALSO OUR
18 NEIGHBORS IN AVOCADO HEIGHTS, WHITTIER, LA PUENTE. MY FAMILY
19 HAS LIVED IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS FOR OVER 30 YEARS. I HAVE A
20 SISTER THAT LIVES CLOSE TO QUEMETCO AND TWO OF US THAT LIVE
21 CLOSE TO THE MALL, WHICH IS EAST OF THE QUEMETCO. WE WERE NOT
22 AWARE OF ALL THE CHEMICALS THAT ARE USED BY QUEMETCO. IT WAS
23 NOT UNTIL MY, JOSHUA SALDANA, WHO DIED OF THYMOMA CANCER AT
24 AGE 35. THYMOMA IS A RARE TYPE OF CANCER. IT IS ONLY 3 PERCENT
25 OF THE CANCERS. LAST YEAR, MY SISTER, HIS MOTHER, BEATRIZ

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1 RICARDI WAS DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER. KEEP IN MIND THAT NO
2 ONE IN MY FAMILY HAD A HISTORY OF CANCER. MY SISTER IS
3 CURRENTLY BATTLING THIS DISEASE. MY SISTER'S NEIGHBOR ALSO
4 DIED OF CANCER. THEIR PETS DIED OF CANCER. WE, THE SISTERS
5 THAT LIVE CLOSE TO THE MALL, HAVE NOT BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH
6 CANCER AS OF YET. THIS COMPANY QUEMETCO HAS NEVER NOTIFIED ANY
7 OF US ABOUT THE POSSIBLE DANGERS OUR COMMUNITY FACES WHEN OUR
8 AIR, SOIL, WATER IS POLLUTED WITH THESE CHEMICALS. NOW THEY'RE
9 ASKING FOR AN INCREASE IN THEIR PRODUCTION? HAVE THEY NOT
10 HARMED OUR COMMUNITY ENOUGH? ALL THE VIOLATIONS, THE
11 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROTECTED --

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** WE ASK THE U.S., ALL GOVERNMENTS --

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE APPRECIATE
18 IT A LOT. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DO YOU NEED TO CALL UP SOME
19 MORE PEOPLE?

20

21 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YES. WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
22 PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? ANDREA GORDON.
23 BRIAN JOHNTSON. GEORGE BUZZETTI. JENNIFER KELLEY. REBECCA
24 VELAZQUEZ. THOMAS LOHFF, AND WILLIAM CHEN. PLEASE COME FORWARD
25 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

3

4 **ANDREA GORDON:** MY NAME IS ANDREA GORDON. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE
5 FOURTH DISTRICT, HACIENDA HEIGHTS. I LIVE IN TURNBULL CANYON.
6 I'M HERE REPRESENTING, BOTH RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN STOPPING
7 WHAT'S GOING ON AT QUEMETCO, BUT ALSO AS A MEMBER OF THE
8 WHITTIER HILLS OIL WATCH WHO CAME BEFORE YOUR BOARD AND MET
9 WITH YOUR OFFICES MANY TIMES OVER THE YEARS TO STOP THE CITY
10 OF WHITTIER SEEKING TO INSTITUTE OIL DRILLING AND GAS DRILLING
11 IN THE WILDLIFE PRESERVE WHERE I LIVE. QUEMETCO HAS BEEN
12 WITHOUT A DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL PERMIT SINCE
13 2015. THAT'S WHEN THEIR PERMIT TO OPERATE EXPIRED. AND BECAUSE
14 THEY FILED FOR AN EXTENSION PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE, THEY
15 HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO OPERATE BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
16 WITHOUT A PERMIT SINCE 2015. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT LAW
17 CHANGED, AND YOUR BODY HERE IS VERY WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE
18 STATE FOR THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU DO IN IDENTIFYING THE NEED
19 FOR CHANGES IN LEGISLATION AND WORKING FORWARD IN THAT
20 DIRECTION TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. I'M HOPING THAT WILL BE THE CASE
21 TODAY. ADDITIONALLY, THEY HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF VIOLATIONS. I
22 DON'T THINK SOMEONE SHOULD GET A PERMIT RENEWAL AUTOMATICALLY
23 OR BE ABLE TO OPERATE WITHOUT A PERMIT WHEN THEY'VE HAD
24 VIOLATIONS. AND WHEN THERE ARE EGREGIOUS VIOLATIONS, THERE
25 SHOULD BE NO RENEWAL AT ALL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **CHRIS SANCHEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CHRIS
5 SANCHEZ. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS AREA
6 FOR 48 YEARS. AND I LIVE WITHIN THE 1.6-MILE RADIUS OF
7 QUEMETCO. I'VE ALSO BEEN HONORED TWICE BY THIS BOARD FOR
8 OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER WORK IN THE COMMUNITY. MANY PEOPLE WILL
9 COME TO ME FOR HELP IN THEIR DIFFERENT PROBLEMS. MY CONCERN IS
10 THE LEGACY WE LEAVE OUR COMMUNITY IF WE ALLOW FURTHER
11 DEVELOPMENT OF QUEMETCO AND THEIR DISREGARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
12 HEALTH RECOGNIZED SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE YEARS BY VARIOUS
13 LEGAL ACTIONS AND HAVE BEEN A TRAVESTY NOT ONLY TO THE
14 RESIDENTS BUT THE THOUSANDS OF BUSINESS EMPLOYEES WHO ALSO
15 WORK IN THE AREA. THE RESIDENTS WHO LIVE OR TRAVEL THE 60
16 FREEWAY ARE ALSO AT RISK, ESPECIALLY AT THE OFF RAMP, THE
17 HUNDREDS OF TRUCKS DELIVERING THEIR LOADS OF BATTERIES 24/7
18 FROM NOT ONLY THE UNITED STATES BUT OTHER COUNTRIES, AS WELL.
19 THIS IS WHY I AM SUPPORTING THE SIGNING OF THIS FIVE-SIGNATURE
20 LETTER TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE QUEMETCO'S OPERATIONS BEFORE
21 BEING PERMITTED. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHRIS. NEXT SPEAKER,
24 PLEASE.

25

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1 **JENNIFER KELLEY:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JENNIFER KELLEY. I AM A
2 RESIDENT OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. I'M ALSO ON THE BOARD OF
3 DIRECTORS FOR THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.
4 AND I'VE BEEN LIVING IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS MOST OF MY LIFE. I
5 WAS ACTUALLY DIAGNOSED WITH A BRAIN TUMOR THREE YEARS AGO. AND
6 I DID HAVE SURGERY TO HAVE IT REMOVED. THERE'S NO KNOWN CAUSE.
7 BUT THERE IS QUESTION OF WHY THAT HAPPENED. I AM HERE BECAUSE
8 I AM GRAVELY CONCERNED ABOUT QUEMETCO, ABOUT THE VIOLATIONS.
9 AND I JUST URGE THAT THE BOARD PASS THIS MOTION. AND I
10 APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **BRIAN JOHNSTON:** MY NAME IS BRIAN JOHNSTON. I'M A PHYSICIAN. I
15 PRACTICE IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AND HAVE PRACTICED THERE FOR --
16 SINCE 1975. THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL SHOULD
17 NOT RENEW QUEMETCO'S PERMIT TO OPERATE OR EXPAND OPERATIONS
18 BECAUSE D.T.S.C. HAS FAILED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT CAN
19 REGULATE AND RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO VIOLATIONS OF ITS
20 REGULATIONS BY QUEMETCO, EXIDE, OR ANY OTHER SMELTERING
21 OPERATIONS. IN THE PAST, WHEN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS OF LOS
22 ANGELES HAVE BEEN HEAVILY POLLUTED, D.T.S.C. HAS BEEN NEITHER
23 WILLING NOR ABLE TO DETERMINE THE FULL EFFECT OF POLLUTION OR
24 EFFECTIVELY DECONTAMINATE THE AREAS POLLUTED. IN THE CASE OF
25 QUEMETCO, D.T.S.C. HAS BEEN CONTENT TO LOOK ONLY 440 YARDS

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1 DISTANT FROM THE SITE OF THE PLANT. IN THE CASE OF EXIDE, THE
2 FEDERAL AGENCIES CLOSED ITS OPERATIONS IN 2014, BUT D.T.S.C.
3 HAS LIMITED SOIL SAMPLING TO 1.7 MILES FROM THE SOURCE AND HAS
4 RESISTED YEARS OF PUBLIC CALLS TO EXPAND THE AREA OF SAMPLING.
5 IN THE CASE OF EXIDE, WE KNOW FROM THE A.Q.M.D. AERIAL
6 SAMPLING STUDY IN JANUARY 2010 THAT THE PLUME OF LEAD AND
7 ARSENIC EMITTED BY EXIDE'S SMELTERS EXTENDED FROM RANCHO PALOS
8 VERDES TO ALTADENA, A DISTANCE OF 44 MILES. THE FACT THAT
9 D.T.S.C. REFUSES TO LOOK FARTHER THAN 1.7 MILES BELIES ANY
10 CLAIM D.T.S.C. MIGHT MAKE ABOUT ITS INTENTION OR CAPACITY TO
11 PROTECT THE PUBLIC.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **BRIAN JOHNSTON:** AS A NEUTRAL OBSERVER --

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF YOU'D LIKE TO TURN
18 IN THE REST OF YOUR TESTIMONY, WE'LL READ IT. BUT THANK YOU
19 FOR BEING HERE, DOCTOR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **THOMAS LOHFF:** HOW DO YOU DO?

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HOW DO YOU DO?

24

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1 **THOMAS LOHFF:** I APPRECIATE HILDA SOLIS AND YOU, JANICE HAHN,
2 FOR SPONSORING THIS MOTION. AND I'M THOMAS LOHFF. I'VE LIVED
3 IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1960. I HAVE A HORSE RANCH THERE. AND
4 EVERY TIME IT RAINS, I HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE AND CLEAR GUTTERS.
5 AND MOST PEOPLE, WHEN THEY GO OUTSIDE WHEN IT RAINS, THEY GO
6 "OH, SMELL THE BEAUTIFUL CLEAN AIR." I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO
7 DO THAT. I GO OUT THIS TO CLEAN MY GUTTERS, AND I SMELL THE
8 POLLUTION FROM QUEMETCO LIKE CRAZY. IT'S ALL OVER THE TIME.
9 AND I'VE ASKED, AND AT EVERY PUBLIC MEETING I HAVE STATED THAT
10 WHEN IT RAINS OR LATE AT NIGHT OR EARLY IN THE MORNING
11 QUEMETCO GOES CRAZY. AND NOBODY STOPS THEM. PLEASE DO
12 SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. YOU THINK WITH A PLACE THIS BIG AND THIS
13 POWERFUL, THEY WOULD SEND SOMEBODY OVER THERE AND MAKE SURE
14 THEY WERE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR REGULATIONS. BUT FOR 30
15 YEARS NOW, IT JUST HASN'T BEEN HAPPENING. SO I REALLY CONDONE
16 THIS MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **WILLIAM CHEN:** I'M WILLIAM CHEN. AND WHAT HE SAID IS TOTALLY
21 RIGHT. QUEMETCO HAS BEEN A PROBLEM WITH MANY VIOLATIONS FOR
22 OVER 50 YEARS, 5-0. THIS IS A RESIDENTIAL AREA. THE PROBLEM
23 COULD BE EXPLODED INTO A BIGGER PROBLEM LATER. NOT ONLY WE
24 DON'T NEED TO ENERGIZE THIS PROBLEM BY THEIR EXPANSION, WE

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1 WANT THEM TO BE RELOCATED AND START A CORRECT START OTHER
2 PLACES. THANKS FOR THE BOARD'S SUPPORT.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. DO YOU HAVE MORE
5 MEMBERS TO CALL UP? OH NO. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **REBECCA VELAZQUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY, FOR THIS
9 MOTION. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU KNOW WE'VE BEEN WORKING -- MY
10 NAME IS REBECCA OVERMEYER VELAZQUEZ. SORRY. I'M THE
11 COORDINATOR OF CLEAN AIR COALITION OF NORTH WHITTIER AND
12 AVOCADO HEIGHTS. WE'VE BEEN WORKING A LONG TIME WITH
13 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S STAFF. I'M SO PLEASED THAT THIS IS
14 HAPPENING BECAUSE, AS YOU CAN TELL, THIS IS A VERY BAD
15 COMPANY. I MEAN, THERE'S NO WAY ROUND IT. I WILL NOT GOING TO
16 REPEAT EVERYTHING EVERYONE HAS SAID. BUT IT HAS NO BUSINESS
17 BEING IN A RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY 600 FEET FROM PEOPLE'S HOMES.
18 I HAVE THREE DOCUMENTS THAT I'M GOING TO LEAVE WITH YOU ALL.
19 THE FIRST IS TITLED EXHIBIT 1. AND IT'S THE AIR EMISSIONS DATA
20 FROM A.Q.M.D.'S FENCE LINE MONITORS FOR 2017 AND 2018. AND YOU
21 CAN SEE THAT EVERY SINGLE DAY, EVERY SINGLE DAY, THIS FACILITY
22 IS EMITTING LEAD AND ARSENIC BY LAW. IT'S LEGALLY ALLOWED TO
23 EMIT ARSENIC AND LEAD INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. AND THAT'S JUST
24 WRONG. SO THERE'S ALREADY A PROBLEM. IT'S BASICALLY A PROBLEM
25 ALREADY. EXPANSION WILL MAKE IT WAY WORSE. I ALSO HAVE A

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1 LETTER DATED OCTOBER 25TH FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, L.A. COUNTY
2 COUNSEL, TO THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FIRMLY AND
3 STRONGLY OPPOSING THE EXPANSION. AND, FINALLY, I HAVE A COPY
4 OF THE PROPOSITION 65 COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND
5 CIVIL PENALTIES THAT CLEAN AIR COALITION AND THE CENTER FOR
6 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAVE FILED AGAINST QUEMETCO FOR VIOLATING
7 PROPOSITION 65.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER, WE HAVE ONE MORE TO
10 CALL UP.

11

12 **CEILA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD HERMAN HERMAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD,
13 AND THEN WE'LL GO TO NICOLE PARSON FROM LANCASTER.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY, GO AHEAD.

16

17 **GENA OOI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS GENA OOI. I'M
18 REPRESENTING HSI LAI TEMPLE. ON BEHALF OF THE TEMPLE, WE THANK
19 YOU FOR THE SUPERVISOR CARING AND CONCERNING ABOUT THIS
20 HACIENDA HEIGHTS CITY. ONE THING WE WANT TO SAY IS WE HOPE THE
21 HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CAN BE A
22 BEAUTIFUL, CLEAN, AND FRIENDLY PLACES. AND WE ALL HAVE THE
23 RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. AND WE REALLY
24 APPRECIATE THE COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS CARING ABOUT
25 THIS ISSUE. AND THEN TO MAKE EVERYTHING CLEAN THROUGH

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1 LEGISLATION SO THAT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY HAVE A CLEAN
2 GUIDING TO FOLLOW. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE CARING, AND
3 WE HOPE THAT WILL MAKE IT BETTER FOR THE COMMUNITY IN EAST SAN
4 GABRIEL VALLEY. AND WE WILL VOTE FOR YOU, WHATEVER YOUR
5 DECISION IS. [LAUGHTER.]

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MY FRIENDS
8 AT THE TEMPLE. YES, GEORGE.

9

10 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S
11 VERY CLOSE TO ME, HAVING BEEN IN STAINED GLASS SINCE THE '60S.
12 I'M ONE OF THE TOP STAIN GLASS ARTISTS IN THE WORLD.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** REALLY.

15

16 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** ANGELO BELLOMO KNOWS ME VERY WELL. HE KNOWS I
17 KNOW TOXICS. WE'RE THE GUYS THAT SHUT DOWN BELMONT. I SUGGEST
18 YOU READ TREE MODEL KAYE KILBURN'S BOOK, "CHEMICAL BRAIN
19 INJURY," TO LEARN HOW EVIL THIS STUFF IS, RIGHT, ANGELO? EVIL.
20 ONE OF MY EMPLOYEES, MAN AND WIFE, HAD SOME KIDS. KIDS WERE
21 NEVER NEAR MY SHOP WHERE LEAD WAS. THEY DID SOME STAINED GLASS
22 OUTSIDE THE HOUSE, NEVER IN THE HOUSE, KIDS NEVER NEAR THIS
23 STUFF. THEY TESTED THEM. THEY ALMOST TOOK THEIR KIDS AWAY FROM
24 THEM. WE'RE TALKING CHILD ABUSE HERE, PEOPLE. DO YOU KNOW WHAT
25 THE CHILD ABUSE LAW SAYS HERE, PEOPLE, I KNOW MARY THE WICKED

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1 WICKHAM DOESN'T KNOW A DAMN THING ABOUT LAW OR CARE. BUT I DO.
2 AND THAT'S WHY I GOT AN INJUNCTION ON YOU ALL. NOW, STOP THE
3 LEAD.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SHOULD WE GO TO LANCASTER NOW?
6 YES.

7

8 **HERMAN HERMAN:** NO, LET'S JUST START HERE.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WELL LANCASTER'S BEEN WAITING. LET'S GO TO
11 LANCASTER, THEN WE'LL COME RIGHT BACK TO YOU. LANCASTER,
12 HELLO.

13

14 **NICOLE PARSON:** HELLO, YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN DOING THE RESEARCH
15 ON JUST THAT. AND I JUST PROBABLY, DON'T START ME OVER, I HAVE
16 TO -- I HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS. IT GOES FROM THE Q.M.D. AND
17 ESPECIALLY IF THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT EXIDE, THEN THAT IS IN
18 ATLANTA. AND MISS KUEHL, NO IT'S NOT THE SAME TOXIC SUBSTANCE,
19 IT'S NOT. IT'S NOT EVEN REGULATED HERE. AND WITH SO WITH --
20 THE MONITORING PROGRAM IS LIKE PRETTY WEAK. I MEAN, THE A.Q.M.
21 HAS HERE, AND IT'S NOT THE SAME TOXIC SUBSTANCE BECAUSE WHEN
22 THE FIRST MAYOR, HE WAS LIKE ENVIRONMENTAL, THE ENVIRONMENTAL
23 WASTE. AND IT'S NOT THE SAME. IT'S NOT THE SAME TOXIN. AND SO
24 WE STILL HAVE TO DO IT. AND THEN I THINK THERE WAS LIKE IT
25 SAYS MEDICAL INFORMATION. THE AUTOMATION FOR RECOLLECTION OF

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1 THE DATA. AND IT'S FROM HUMAN HEALTH. AND THEN BUT THE PARK,
2 OKAY, BUT OUR PEOPLE IS I DO NOT WANT THE INDUCTION OF THE
3 PUBLIC SAFETY BECAUSE ALL OF OUR PEOPLE, WE WANT THE SERVICE
4 AND MAINTENANCE HOURS FOR OUR FOREST AREA AND THE PARK AND THE
5 LIBRARY, IT COULD BE -- IT'S RETROFITTED FOR THE RESTROOMS.
6 BUT ESPECIALLY FOR THE PARKS, THE PARKS --

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
9 TESTIMONY. OKAY. BACK HERE. HERMAN.

10

11 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO WE ALL KNOW ABOUT EXIDE. AND WE KNOW WHAT
12 THAT PROBLEM CAUSED IN THE COMMUNITY. AND EVEN UP TO THIS DAY
13 AND TIME, IT HASN'T BEEN RESOLVED. SO WE HAVE TO QUESTION THE
14 SO-CALLED ADMINISTRATION OF LEGAL COUNSEL, MISS WICKED
15 WICKHAM, WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE ACTUALLY TAKING SOME ATTACK ON
16 THIS MOTION WITH HILDA SOLIS BECAUSE IT FALLS IN HER DISTRICT.
17 WHY AREN'T YOU ATTACKING EXIDE HARDER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY
18 OF LIFE IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS IN SO-CALLED C.D.14 IN WHICH
19 JOSE HUIZAR, WHO'S UNDER AN F.B.I. INVESTIGATION, DON'T GIVE A
20 HELL ABOUT THE PUBLIC ANYMORE.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** REMEMBER, THIS IS ABOUT QUEMETCO. SO TRY TO
23 STAY ON THE ITEM.

24

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1 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WELL, WE'RE DEALING WITH CHEMICALS. WE'RE
2 DEALING WITH THE AIR QUALITY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WE'RE DEALING WITH QUEMETCO.

5

6 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WE'RE DEALING WITH QUALITY OF LIFE MANAGEMENT.

7 AND IT ALL FALLS AGAIN UNDER A LARGER PICTURE. JUST LIKE

8 WHAT'S IN MY HAND, SOMETHING CALLED A BUDGET. AND THIS BUDGET

9 AFFECTS ALL OUR LIVES. AND IF WE'RE NOT HERE AS AMERICANS,

10 THEN WE'RE NOT HERE AT ALL.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IS THAT ALL THE

13 SPEAKERS FOR THIS ITEM? OKAY, SO COLLEAGUES, ITEM 4 IS BEFORE

14 US.

15

16 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR?

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. THERE YOU ARE RIGHT THERE.

19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO THANK THE SPEAKERS AND

22 PEOPLE WHO CAME OUT TODAY. THEY'RE VERY ELOQUENT AND OBVIOUSLY

23 HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS. SO I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK ALL

24 OF THEM AND THANK YOU AND ALSO WANT TO NOTE THAT IF THIS

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1 MOTION DOES PASS, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE ALLOW FOR THIS
2 LETTER TO BE CARBON COPIED TO THE WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND TO ANY OTHER PERTINENT AGENCY THAT HAS ANY
7 JURISDICTION OVER THIS AREA.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** AND I, TOO, WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO
14 CAME, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT
15 ASSOCIATION, AN ORGANIZATION THAT DEDICATES ITSELF TO
16 IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THAT COMMUNITY. AND OF
17 COURSE, THE HSI LAI TEMPLE IS SUCH A GOOD MEMBER OF THE
18 COMMUNITY AND ALWAYS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ISSUES. SO,
19 COLLEAGUES, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT'LL BE MOVED BY
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED BY ME. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS
21 TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW, WE'RE ON
22 ITEM 7. AND WE'RE TAKING UP 7 AND 11 TOGETHER. AND SUPERVISOR
23 KUEHL, YOU HAVE REQUESTED TO HOLD BOTH THESE ITEMS. WOULD YOU
24 LIKE TO MAKE SOME OPENING REMARKS?

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES. AND I THINK MY COLLEAGUE, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS,
2 WILL, AS WELL. MY MOTION TO ITEM 11 DEALS REALLY WITH MOVING
3 TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF SO-CALLED PEPPER SPRAY IN OUR JUVENILE
4 FACILITIES. AND I THINK THE NOTION THAT THE NAME PEPPER SPRAY
5 ENCOMPASSES THE EXPERIENCE OF PEOPLE WHO GO THROUGH BEING
6 SPRAYED WITH THIS, PEOPLE IMAGINE MACE, OR THEY IMAGINED
7 PEPPER, YOU KNOW GETTING PEPPER IN YOUR EYES. IT IS FAR, FAR
8 WORSE THAN THAT. IT'S A THOUSAND TIMES STRONGER THAN THE HEAT
9 OF A SINGLE JALAPENO PEPPER, MUCH STRONGER, MUCH STRONGER THAN
10 MACE. IT CAN CAUSE INTENSE EYE PAIN, BURNING IN THE THROAT,
11 SWELLING AND BLISTERING OF THE SKIN, TEMPORARY BLINDNESS,
12 INABILITY TO BREATHE. ALL OF THESE EFFECTS GET WORSE IF THE
13 PERSON HAS ASTHMA OR IS OBESE OR OF COURSE IS PREGNANT. AND
14 RESEARCH INDICATES THAT IT'S NOT ONLY PHYSICAL HARM FOR YOUNG
15 PEOPLE BUT ALSO PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM, AS WELL. IN OUR JUVENILE
16 FACILITIES, THERE ARE YOUTH WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS,
17 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND THEY MAY BE, BECAUSE OF THEIR
18 BEHAVIOR, EVEN MORE SUBJECT TO THE USE OF THE SPRAY, BUT
19 BECAUSE THEY'RE VULNERABLE, EVEN MORE TRAUMATIZED BY ITS USE.
20 STATE LAW ACTUALLY SAYS EXPLICITLY THAT JUVENILE HALLS ARE NOT
21 PENAL INSTITUTIONS AND THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE A SAFE
22 AND SUPPORTIVE HOME LIKE ENVIRONMENT. IT'S A CHALLENGE.
23 THERE'S NO QUESTION. BUT THE USE OF THIS O.C. SPRAY IN A WAY
24 THAT'S BEEN DESCRIBED BY THE OFFICE OF OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL
25 JUST A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, IT IS NOT ANYWHERE NEAR A SUPPORTIVE

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1 HOME LIKE ENVIRONMENT. AND MANY JUVENILE JUSTICE EXPERTS HAVE
2 DETERMINED THAT ITS USE IS VERY PUNITIVE AND CAN BE
3 COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. I UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR CONTROL. I
4 UNDERSTAND, AS A LONG TIME ADVOCATE BEFORE I EVEN THOUGHT OF
5 RUNNING FOR OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE BATTERED IN THE
6 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MOVEMENT, THAT PEOPLE WOULD SAY, "YOU HAVE
7 TO USE SOME PHYSICAL FORCE IN ORDER TO CONTROL." AND TO ME,
8 IT'S VERY MUCH THE SAME SORT OF THING. WHAT WE'VE SAID IS NO,
9 NOT BEYOND SOMETHING HUMANE, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.
10 CALIFORNIA IS ONE OF ONLY 15 STATES THAT STILL USES THIS. THAT
11 MEANS MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE STATES IN THE UNITED STATES
12 DO NOT. AND THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES. THEY ARE NOT EASY ANY MORE
13 THAN DISCIPLINING YOUR CHILD BY NOT HITTING THEM BUT TRYING TO
14 HELP THEM IS EASY. BUT THERE IS VERBAL DEESCALATION, CERTAINLY
15 INCREASED STAFFING AND TRAINING, COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY,
16 AND OTHER KINDS OF NONVIOLENT RE-DIRECTION. IT'S HARDER, BUT
17 IT REALLY MUST BE DONE. THIS MOTION REALLY LAYS THE GROUNDWORK
18 FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND ULTIMATELY, I THINK,
19 FOR OUR PROBATION STAFF, AS WELL. BECAUSE ESCALATION OF
20 VIOLENCE IS ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE NO MATTER WHO ENGAGES IN
21 IT. SO WE'VE ASKED THE JUVENILE -- THE PROBATION STAFF IN OUR
22 JUVENILE FACILITIES, AND WE HAVE OUR CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER
23 HERE TODAY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT IT AS WELL AS OUR DEPUTY
24 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER WHO IS IN CHARGE OF OUR JUVENILES IN
25 OUR SYSTEM. WE CALL FOR A PLAN IN ITEM 11 TO BE DEVELOPED

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1 WITHIN 60 DAYS TO LOOK AT BEST PRACTICE ALTERNATIVES AND WAYS
2 TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY IN A PHASED AND
3 THOUGHTFUL WAY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE. I DON'T WANT TO BLAME
4 PEOPLE, BUT IT'S INTERESTING. WE WERE UNDER A FEDERAL
5 AGREEMENT NOT TO USE THIS STUFF EXCEPT IN EXTREME
6 CIRCUMSTANCES. THERE ARE PLACES WHERE IT IS USED, BUT IT IS
7 LOCKED WAY. YOU DON'T JUST HAVE IT READY AT YOUR BELT ALL
8 TIME. YOU DON'T USE IT TO THREATEN PEOPLE. AND I DO BELIEVE
9 THAT THERE ARE OTHER WAYS. THIS IS NOT JUST A THOUGHTLESS WAY
10 TO TAKE ANOTHER TOOL AWAY. I THINK IT'S A WAY TO TAKE A WEAPON
11 AWAY. AND IF WE WANT TO TEACH NONVIOLENCE TO YOUNG PEOPLE, WE
12 HAVE TO REALLY START WITH OURSELVES AND AT HOME. THANK YOU,
13 MADAM CHAIR. [APPLAUSE]

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO REMIND THE AUDIENCE THAT WE
16 REFRAIN FROM APPLAUSE DURING THIS MEETING. IF YOU AGREE WITH
17 WHAT SOMEONE HAS SAID, WE JUST ASK THAT YOU RAISE THE ROOF. NO
18 YELLING FROM THE AUDIENCE, AS WELL. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
19 I DIDN'T SEE YOUR NAME UP HERE, BUT WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A
20 FEW OPENING REMARKS? THERE YOU ARE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR,
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, COLLEAGUES. THE MATTER BEFORE US IS ONE THAT
24 IS URGENT, THEREFORE IT MUST BE ADDRESSED. AND I WANT TO SAY
25 TO BOTH OF YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THANK YOU

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1 FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP ON THESE MOTIONS, 7 AND 11. AS THE
2 INSPECTOR GENERAL'S INVESTIGATION REVEALED, THE NEED FOR
3 REFORM AND OVERSIGHT MAY NEVER HAVE BEEN AS VITAL AS IT IS
4 NOW. WHEN THE REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE
5 INSPECTOR GENERAL TWO WEEKS AGO, WE LEARNED A NUMBER OF
6 TROUBLING FINDINGS, INCLUDING THAT PEPPER SPRAY IS USED
7 PREMATURELY AND EXCESSIVELY, THAT SOME OF THE WRITE-UPS ABOUT
8 TROUBLING INCIDENTS WERE INCOMPLETE AND AT TIMES MISLEADING
9 AND, FINALLY, THE YOUTH'S MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS WERE NOT BEING
10 PROPERLY OR ADEQUATELY MET. ONE OF THE MOTIONS BEFORE US NOW,
11 THAT IS ITEM 7, ASKS FOR AN IMPLEMENTATION FOR AN
12 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE O.I.G.'S RECOMMENDATION. I WANT TO
13 PAUSE BY SAYING WE NEED TO BE THOUGHTFUL IN WHAT WE ARE DOING.
14 THERE'S NO NEED TO BE PRECIPITOUS IN ANY WAY, SHAPE, FORM, OR
15 FASHION. WE CAN AFFORD TO BE THOUGHTFUL EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW
16 THIS ITEM IS URGENT. IT ALSO REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 MENTAL HEALTH ASSESS HOW TO IMPROVE AND ADDRESS THE TREATMENT
18 INSIDE THE COUNTY'S JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITIES. IT'S
19 ESTIMATED THAT AT LEAST SOME 70 PERCENT OF THE YOUTH IN OUR
20 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME FORM OF TRAUMA.
21 AND I SIMPLY CAN'T COMPREHEND FOR THE LIFE OF ME WHY OVER MY
22 DECADE ON THIS BOARD WE'VE REPEATEDLY UNDERSCORED THE NEED FOR
23 MORE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION,
24 MORE SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT JUVENILES, THAT IT HAS NOT
25 HAPPENED. COLLEAGUES, IT IS HIGH TIME THAT IT HAPPEN. NO MORE

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1 EXCUSES. NO MORE SIDE TRACKING THE ISSUE. MENTAL HEALTH FOR
2 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAS TO BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY. AND IT
3 SEEMS TO ME THAT IF WE WERE TO DO THAT, A LOT OF THE
4 COMPLAINTS THAT ARE BEING LODGED BY EXISTING STAFF THAT HAPPEN
5 NOT TO BE MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTS BUT CAN BENEFIT FROM THE
6 COLLABORATION OF THOSE EXPERTS AND CLINICIANS AND THE LIKE,
7 THEY, THEN, CAN BE SUPPORTED. THE CHALLENGES IN THE DEPARTMENT
8 ARE NOT REDUCIBLE TO ISSUE OF TRAINING OF EXISTING STAFF
9 ALONE. THAT IS IMPORTANT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT IF YOU HAVE
10 STAFF THAT IS NOT PROPERLY EQUIPPED OR TRAINED BY VIRTUE OF
11 THEIR ASSIGNMENT IN THE HALLS, IN THE CAMPS, WE ARE MISSING
12 THE MARK. SO WE HAVE TO GET THE RIGHT STAFF THERE TO DO THE
13 RIGHT JOB THAT WE WANT TO HAVE SO THAT WE GET THE RIGHT
14 OUTCOMES. AND EVERYBODY WILL BE BENEFITED BY IT, NAMELY, THE
15 EXISTING STAFF, THE DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICERS, AS WELL AS THE
16 YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR CARE IN CUSTODY. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT WE
17 HAVE REASON NOT TO CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT LET'S GET MORE
18 MENTAL HEALTH STAFF, WE JUST SIMPLY NEED TO DO IT. AND THE
19 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT COMES BACK TO US OUGHT TO ADDRESS
20 THAT IN SPECIFIC TERMS. SO, DR. SHERIN, WE CALL ON YOU FOR
21 YOUR LEADERSHIP, YET AGAIN, IN THAT AREA IN COLLABORATION WITH
22 THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT BECAUSE IT TAKES
23 THAT KIND OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL COLLABORATION TO MAKE THIS WORK
24 PROPERLY AND INTELLIGENTLY. IN ADDITION TO MENTAL HEALTH
25 ISSUES, THE O.I.G. REPORT NOTED PEPPER SPRAY DAMAGES

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1 RELATIONSHIP BUILDING AND IS LIKELY INCONSISTENT WITH THE
2 GOALS OF REHABILITATION. IT IS THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY TO
3 ENSURE THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF YOUTH IN OUR CARE AND OUR
4 CUSTODY, FROM WHICH WE CAN'T RETREAT. WITH ITEM NUMBER 11, WE
5 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ALIGN OURSELVES WITH BEST PRACTICES AND
6 BEGIN PHASING OUT PEPPER SPRAY. AND THIS MUST BE DONE
7 THOUGHTFULLY. I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE DONE IN A MEASURED WAY,
8 BUT WITH ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS AT THE TABLE, UNDERSCORE ALL.
9 THIS MUST BE ROLLED OUT IN A WAY THAT IS DATA-INFORMED AND
10 PROTECTS THE SAFETY OF YOUTH AND STAFF INSIDE THE FACILITIES.
11 I WANT TO RESTATE THAT. IT PROTECTS THE SAFETY OF YOUTH AND
12 STAFF INSIDE THE FACILITIES OF CONCERN HERE. ANYONE WHO'S
13 UNDER THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT WE DON'T CARE ABOUT EITHER
14 POPULATION, ONE OVER AGAINST THE OTHER, IS MAKING A GROSS
15 MISTAKE. WE'RE TRYING TO GET THE BEST PRACTICES THAT AFFECT
16 THE ENTIRETY OF THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I BELIEVE THIS MUST
17 BE ROLLED OUT IN THIS FASHION BECAUSE THE VARIOUS TOOLS AND
18 ALTERNATIVES TO THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY THAT CAN PREVENT
19 CONFLICT AND DIFFUSE TENSION ARE AVAILABLE TO US. AND WE OUGHT
20 TO ACT LIKE THAT. AFTER ALL, THIS IS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE
21 BOAST OF BEING ENLIGHTENED. WE BOAST OF BEING INFORMED. WE
22 BOAST OF BEING ALL ABOUT WHAT'S NEW AND WHAT'S NEXT, AND YET,
23 WE ENGAGE IN PRACTICES AND PERPETUATE POLICIES THAT RADICALLY
24 CONTRADICT THE VERY CLAIMS THAT WE MAKE ABOUT WHO WE ARE WHEN
25 WE ARE AT OUR BEST SELVES. SO WE NEED TO HAVE COMPREHENSIVE

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1 STAFF TRAINING IN ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT. IF WE WANT BETTER
2 OUTCOMES, WE NEED TO DO BETTER TRAINING. WE NEED TO REFINE
3 THAT TRAINING AND CAUSE EVERYONE TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF IT.
4 DEESCALATION AND COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL TECHNIQUES MORE OF IT.
5 AND IF THE STAFF CAN'T COMPREHEND THAT, THEN THEY NEED TO BE
6 RETRAINED OR THE OTHER OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM. AND
7 ENHANCED TRAINING AND WORKING WITH YOUTH WITH MENTAL HEALTH
8 AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS, ENTER MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS,
9 EXPERTS, CLINICIANS, ALL OF THAT IS JUST FUNDAMENTALLY
10 NECESSARY. AND IT'S BEYOND ME WHY WE HAVE TO KEEP SAYING THIS
11 OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. WHAT IS IT WITH THE DEPARTMENT
12 OF PROBATION THAT IT TAKES US ALL THIS EFFORT TO MAKE THESE
13 CHANGES? IS IT SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH OF A PRIORITY COLLECTIVELY
14 FOR US? IS IT THAT THE LEVEL OF ENTRENCHMENT CULTURALLY IS SO
15 PROFOUND UNTIL WE JUST KEEP GOING ALONG AND LET IT HAPPEN
16 WITHOUT DOING WHAT WE NEED TO DO? THIS HAS GOTTEN TO WHAT I
17 CONSIDER TO BE AN UNACCEPTABLY EMBARRASSING LEVEL. WE CAN, AND
18 WE SHOULD DO BETTER. I KNOW THIS BOARD IS INTENT IN THIS
19 REGARD. THE NECESSARY REFORMS UNTIL WE HAVE CREATED A SAFE AND
20 REHABILITATIVE ENVIRONMENT, THAT WE GET TO WHAT WE SAY THE
21 MANDATE AND THE MISSION OF PROBATION IS ABOUT. IT'S NOT ABOUT
22 PUNITIVE OR MILITARY IMPULSES. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT
23 ISSUES OF REHABILITATION. WHERE CAN YOU GET THE BEST PRACTICES
24 IF YOU CAN'T FIND IT IN LOS ANGELES? AND SO, I LOOK FORWARD TO
25 THE PRIT SPECIAL HEARING ON THIS ITEM, WHICH WILL BE HELD NEXT

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1 MONTH BEFORE THE ITEM COMES BACK TO THE BOARD. AND WHEN THAT
2 HAPPENS, I THINK WE WILL HAVE A FULLY VETTED, DELIBERATIVE
3 PROCESS. ALL STAKEHOLDERS THEN CAN PARTICIPATE. TRANSPARENCY
4 AND ACCOUNTABILITY WILL DEFINE HOW WE MOVE FORWARD. AND WITH
5 THAT, I SAY TO YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR AND
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR YOUR COLLABORATION.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND MORE OF MY COLLEAGUES WOULD
9 LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS BEFORE WE TALK TO OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS?
10 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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12 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, I
13 APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. YOU KNOW, IT'S INTERESTING HAS
14 TALKED ABOUT ISSUES PERTAINING TO INDIVIDUALS COMING INTO OUR
15 SYSTEM, WHETHER IT BE AS ADULTS OR JUVENILES AND ALL ROADS
16 LEAD BACK TO MENTAL HEALTH. AND THERE IS NO QUESTION, DR.
17 SHERIN, THAT YOU'VE GOT MANY A CHALLENGES IN FRONT OF YOU AS
18 IT RELATES TO ESPECIALLY WITH YOUTH AND DEALING WITH THE
19 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE IN OUR CAMPS. YOU KNOW, WHEN I LOOK AT THE
20 STATS, IN MARCH OF 2018, THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN
21 THE USE OF O.C. SPRAY IN THE JUVENILE HALLS. IT WENT UP 20
22 PERCENT. WHEN I TALK TO INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN OUR CAMPS AND
23 IN OUR HALLS, THE ONE COMMON COMMENT THAT I GET IS LACK OF
24 TRAINING, LACK OF TRAINING, NOT EVEN WITH THE O.C. SPRAY, BUT
25 IN GENERAL. THEY FEEL THAT THEY'RE INADEQUATELY TRAINED IN

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1 DEESCALATION OF CRISIS SITUATIONS. AND WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
2 MENTAL HEALTH, AND YOU KNOW THIS, DR. SHERIN, THAT WHEN YOU'RE
3 DEALING WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS SOME MENTAL ISSUES, IF YOU'RE
4 TRAINED PROPERLY, YOU CAN DEESCALATE THAT SITUATION WITHOUT
5 USING ANY FORCE. AND WE'VE SEEN THAT WITH OUR MET TEAMS WHEN
6 THEY GO OUT. LESS THAN 1 PERCENT END UP BEING ARRESTED. THAT
7 IS SIGNIFICANT AS IT RELATES TO -- [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** LET ME REMIND THE AUDIENCE NOT TO CLAP.

10

11 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** IT'S LEGAL.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** DOESN'T MAKE IT RIGHT. SUP. BARGER: SO I'M
14 GOING TO SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE IT'S NECESSARY, BUT
15 I'M SUPPORTING IT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE GIVE PROPER
16 TRAINING TO OUR EMPLOYEES. WE TALKED ABOUT THIS A COUPLE WEEKS
17 AGO. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE THAT ARE OUT ON WORKMAN'S COMP
18 BECAUSE THEY ARE HAVING -- POSSIBLY ATTACKED OR THINGS
19 HAPPENING IN OUR HALLS AND OUR CAMPS. I'M ALSO SENSITIVE TO
20 THE FACT THAT THE YOUTH, YOU KNOW, O.C. SPRAY SHOULD NOT BE --
21 PEPPER SPRAY SHOULD NOT BE USED UNLESS, I WOULD ARGUE, LIKE A
22 LETHAL WEAPON IS USED. I REAL DO I BELIEVE THAT. WHEN I TALK
23 TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH IT, YOU ARE RIGHT,
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IT IS PAINFUL, PAINFUL. AND WE HEARD THE
25 STORIES A COUPLE WEEKS AGO ABOUT THE FACT THAT THEY WERE

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1 SPRAYED AND THEN NOT GIVEN THE PROPER USE OF THE FACILITIES TO
2 CLEAN OFF. THAT'S LIKE DOUBLE PUNISHMENT, RIGHT? I MEAN, IT'S
3 JUST COMPLETELY INHUMANE AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED. BUT
4 UNDERSTAND THAT, WHEN I TALK ABOUT THE TRAINING, THE O.I.G.
5 FOUND CURRENT POLICY CONFUSING AND INCONSISTENT. AND I THINK
6 THAT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE BECAUSE WHILE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
7 THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY IN OUR CAMPS AND IN OUR HALLS, IF
8 STAFF FEELS THERE'S NOT A CLEAR POLICY, AND THE O.I.G.
9 SUPPORTS THAT, WE NEED TO DO BETTER, ESPECIALLY IF WE'RE GOING
10 TO TAKE AWAY SOMETHING AS IT RELATES TO THEIR SAFETY. SO,
11 AGAIN, I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS, ESPECIALLY WHEN CALIFORNIA
12 IS ONE OF ONLY 15 STATES THAT CONTINUES TO PERMIT THE USE OF
13 THIS, ONE OF 15 STATES. AND AS WAS NOTED IN THE LAST BOARD
14 MEETING, SANTA CLARA, SAN FRANCISCO, SOLANO, AND SONOMA
15 COUNTIES HAVE BANNED ITS USE IN JUVENILE FACILITIES. AND I
16 THINK I WILL BE PROUD TO KNOW THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS GOING
17 TO BE AMONG THOSE ON THAT LIST. BUT I WOULD ARGUE THAT, FROM A
18 LEGISLATIVE STANDPOINT, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE
19 ADDRESSED ACROSS-THE-BOARD, NOT JUST IN THE COUNTIES I NAMED,
20 BUT STATEWIDE. SO WITH THAT, I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM
21 YOU ALL. I WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION IN,
22 TWO MOTIONS. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. AND, AGAIN, I SUPPORT OUR
23 STAFF IN THE NEED TO BE TRAINED FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY BUT ALSO
24 FOR THE SAFETY OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND THE CHILDREN THAT ARE IN
25 OUR CAMPS. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
6 KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING BOTH ITEMS BEFORE US
7 TODAY AGAIN. THIS IS A HARD SUBJECT FOR SOME OF US TO PUT OUR
8 ARMS AROUND. AND I STILL CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT
9 FUNDAMENTALLY IT'S ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS. IT'S ABOUT DIGNITY AND
10 RESPECT FOR OUR CHILDREN THAT ARE IN OUR CARE. AND I, TOO, AM
11 DEEPLY DISTURBED BY THE O.I.G.'S REPORT. WITHOUT QUESTION, THE
12 USE OF PEPPER SPRAY IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE INTERVENTION. TO ME,
13 IT'S INHUMANE. IT'S DEGRADING. AND IT PERMEATES A CRIMINAL
14 JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND IT MUST BE BANNED. I HOPE WE GET THERE
15 EVENTUALLY. I KNOW THIS REPORT WILL HELP INFORM US ON HOW TO
16 GET THERE. BUT IT MAKES CLEAR ALSO TO ME THAT THERE'S A VERY
17 HIGH NEED TO ADDRESS THE VERY CULTURE OF THE PROBATION
18 DEPARTMENT. AND IT TAKES TWO. IT TAKES BOTH THE
19 ADMINISTRATION, THE EMPLOYEES TO WORK TOGETHER. AND I'M
20 HOPEFUL THE THIRD PART, THE THIRD LEG IS WITH OUR
21 STAKEHOLDERS. SO THAT WE HAVE RATIONALITY PLACED BECAUSE NO
22 ONE WANTS TO SEE PEOPLE HARMED, WHETHER IT'S THE YOUNGSTER,
23 THE CHILD, OR OUR EMPLOYEE, BUT NONETHELESS, I THINK WE'VE
24 KIND OF REACHED THIS POINT RIGHT NOW WHERE WE KNOW THAT DATA
25 SUGGESTS THAT THESE CHILDREN THAT ARE IN OUR CARE HAVE

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1 MULTIPLE, MULTIPLE TRAUMA. THEY'RE EITHER COMING OUT OF FOSTER
2 CARE, THEY DON'T HAVE A WHOLESOME FAMILY OR COMMUNITY
3 ENVIRONMENT. MANY HAVE BEEN ALSO IMPACTED BY TRAUMA AND STRESS
4 IN SOME VERY GROSS MANNER THAT I CAN'T EVEN TALK ABOUT. BUT
5 WHEN I SEE IT HAPPENING IN OUR OWN FACILITIES, NOT JUST IN OUR
6 HALLS, BUT IN OUR CAMPS, THAT'S EVEN MORE TROUBLING. AND I,
7 TOO, SAT AND VIEWED SOME OF THOSE VIDEOS. I HOPE THAT ALL OF
8 YOU WILL TAKE TIME TO DO THAT. IT'S VERY, VERY TROUBLING THAT
9 ONLY A FEW INDIVIDUALS -- AND I'M GOING TO SAY JUST A FEW --
10 MAY HAVE ACTED INAPPROPRIATELY IN THEIR TREATMENT OF THESE
11 YOUNGSTERS. I DON'T THINK EVERYONE IS LIKE THAT THAT WORKS IN
12 PROBATION. I THINK THERE ARE SOME REALLY GOOD PEOPLE THAT ARE
13 VERY COMMITTED BECAUSE I'VE MET SOME OF THEM. BUT I THINK WE
14 ALSO HAVE TO THINK BEYOND JUST TRAINING BUT WHO WE ATTRACT TO
15 THIS PROFESSION BECAUSE IT ISN'T JUST A PUNITIVE TYPE OF
16 AGENCY ANYMORE. IT'S ONE ABOUT REHABILITATION. AND IT'S ONE
17 ABOUT I THINK SETTING A BETTER STANDARD IN TERMS OF WHO WE
18 HIRE, LOOKING AT INDIVIDUALS THAT WANT TO GET ADDITIONAL
19 TRAINING AND EDUCATION AND HELPING TO PROVIDE THE MEANS TO GET
20 THERE. SO THAT MEANS ALSO PUTTING SOME SKIN IN THE GAME BY
21 ALLOWING FOR FUNDING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE. WE DO IT ALL THE
22 TIME FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO GIVE PEOPLE THAT OPPORTUNITY.
23 AND IF PEOPLE TRULY WANT TO SERVE TO HELP PROVIDE
24 REHABILITATION FOR THESE YOUNGSTERS, THEN I THINK WE ARE
25 OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING FOR THAT. SO TRAINING ISN'T

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1 JUST ONE PART OF IT, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY MAKING A COMMITMENT AND
2 WATCHING OUR EMPLOYEES AS THEY MOVE THROUGH THESE DIFFERENT
3 STEPS AND MONITORING THAT. AND WHILE I THINK IT'S GOOD TO LOOK
4 OUTSIDE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO SEE WHAT MODELS ARE
5 THERE, I THINK IT'S BEST THAT WE ALSO ENGAGE WITH OUR
6 EMPLOYEES BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN UNLESS WE HAVE THAT
7 DIALOGUE AND THAT COMMUNICATION. AND I THINK, FOR WHATEVER
8 REASONS, FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN ON THE BOARD,
9 I KNOW IT'S BEEN HARD. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT
10 HAS HAD A LOT OF CHANGE. SOME OF IT I THINK WAS WELL INTENDED.
11 SOME OF IT WE THOUGHT MEANINGFUL, BUT SOME OF IT NOT LASTING.
12 AND THAT'S THE PROBLEM THAT WE CONTINUE TO GO THROUGH THE
13 CYCLE. AND I THINK THERE'S -- IT'S ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO ME THAT
14 THIS BOARD DOESN'T WANT TO TOLERATE THAT ANYMORE. AND THE
15 PUBLIC DOESN'T WANT TO TOLERATE IT ANYMORE. SO I THINK NOW THE
16 TIME IS TO CHANGE, TO BRING IN MORE MENTORING, NOT ONLY FOR
17 OUR EMPLOYEES, BUT ALSO FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS. MENTAL HEALTH?
18 ABSOLUTELY. AT EVERY LEVEL. AS SOON AS THEY COME IN. AS SOON
19 AS THEY COME IN TO JUVENILE HALL, THEY SHOULD BE ASSESSED
20 IMMEDIATELY. AND THAT, THEN, HAS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN A MANNER
21 SO THAT APPROPRIATE STAFF CAN HANDLE THAT PARTICULAR TYPE OF
22 CASE. AND IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE US TO DO THAT. WE DON'T HAVE
23 THE SAME POOL OF YOUNGSTERS THAT WE HAD FIVE AND TEN YEARS
24 AGO. THEY MAY, NONETHELESS, BE HARDER TO DEAL WITH IN SOME
25 WAY. BUT IN ANOTHER, I THINK IT'S ABOUT US ALSO TAKING

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1 RESPONSIBILITY AND BEING ACCOUNTABLE FOR THAT. I HOPE THAT WE
2 CAN END THIS INHUMANE TREATMENT OVERALL. AND I DON'T THINK ONE
3 SUBSTITUTE OF NOT USING O.C. SPRAY IS GOING TO THEN ALLOW US
4 TO USE SOME OTHER FORM OF DISCIPLINE, BUT REALLY THINKING
5 OUTSIDE HOW WE CAN BEST ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF THESE YOUNG
6 PEOPLE AND ALSO KNOWING THAT WE WANT TO KEEP OUR EMPLOYEES
7 SAFE. AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT MIDDLE GROUND TOTALLY IS
8 YET. BUT I THINK AFTER WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT MEETINGS THAT
9 ARE GOING TO BE HELD AND THE REPORT COMES BACK THAT IT WILL
10 HELP INFORM US. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE
11 WILL TAKE ACTION ON THIS. IN OUR RECENT VISIT, CHAIRWOMAN AND
12 I WERE IN SACRAMENTO, IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT THE
13 LEGISLATURE IS KEENLY AWARE AND NOT FULLY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT
14 WE KNOW. SO I WOULD MUCH BE IN A BETTER POSITION OR WANTING US
15 TO BE IN A BETTER POSITION SO THAT WE CAN HELP INFORM THEM SO
16 THAT, WHATEVER LEGISLATION OCCURS, THAT IT HAPPENS IN A MANNER
17 THAT WE CAN TAKE PART IN THAT AND TAKE CREDIT FOR IT BUT ALSO,
18 HOPEFULLY SET OURSELVES AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF THE
19 STATE, IF NOT THE COUNTRY. BUT WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO. SO MADAM
20 CHAIR, I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN REASONABLY, AS ADULTS, ALL
25 OF US, TALK TO EACH OTHER WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH THE PURPOSE

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1 OF ALLOWING FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND STAKEHOLDERS TO HAVE A
2 SEAT AT THAT TABLE, AS WELL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WELL, THANK YOU CERTAINLY TO
5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.
6 EVERYONE'S REMARKS TODAY SHOW THAT YOU ALL HAVE BEEN WORKING
7 ON THIS ISSUE. YOU'RE SO THOUGHTFUL. AND THERE'S CERTAINLY A
8 LOT OF CHALLENGES BEFORE US. BUT I LIKE WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY
9 BECAUSE IT'S A COMPREHENSIVE ACTION THAT WE'RE TAKING THAT
10 WILL IMPROVE, I BELIEVE, THE SAFETY OF BOTH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
11 AND OUR PROBATION WORKERS AT OUR JUVENILE FACILITIES. ITEM 11,
12 WE'RE NOT ONLY LOOKING AT PHASING OUT THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY,
13 WHICH I REALLY WANT TO SEE WHAT THAT WILL LOOK LIKE FOR US.
14 AND MAY I SAY TO OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER, I WAS VERY TOUCHED BY
15 YOUR REMARKS AT THE MEETING WHERE YOU TALKED ABOUT YOUR
16 CLIENTS. AND THAT MADE ME THINK A LOT ABOUT HOW I FELT ABOUT
17 THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY. BUT WE'RE ALSO TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
18 THE CHALLENGES OUR STAFF FACE EVERY SINGLE DAY AND CONSIDERING
19 HOW WE CAN GIVE THEM BETTER TOOLS AND TRAINING TO NOT ONLY
20 PROMOTE SAFETY BUT, AS EVERYONE HAS SAID, A HEALING
21 ENVIRONMENT FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, MANY OF WHOM HAVE
22 EXPERIENCED SERIOUS TRAUMA ON THEIR OWN. AND I WILL SAY THAT
23 NO ONE KNOWS THESE CHALLENGES BETTER THAN OUR PROBATION
24 OFFICERS THEMSELVES. AND EVEN THE RECENT REPORT BY OUR OFFICE
25 OF INSPECTOR GENERAL INCLUDED MANY OF THEIR INSIGHTS AND MANY

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1 OF THEIR SUGGESTIONS. IT WAS OUR PROBATION WORKERS THAT
2 BROUGHT UP THE CONCERN ABOUT TRAINING AND NOT BEING PROPERLY
3 TRAINED. AND MANY OF THEM FELT UNSAFE. AND CLEARLY, OUR
4 WORKERS HAVE TO FEEL SAFE. THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE IN OUR
5 CUSTODY HAVE TO FEEL SAFE. AND WE NEED OUR PROBATION WORKERS
6 TO BE A PART OF THIS TRANSITION AND HOW WE'RE TRYING TO RE-
7 IMAGINE THIS DEPARTMENT. IN ITEM 7, WE'RE ASKING OUR COUNTY
8 EXPERTS, INCLUDING OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE
9 PROBATION REFORM IMPLEMENTATION TEAM, TO LOOK BEYOND PEPPER
10 SPRAY AND HOW WE CAN IMPROVE THE SAFETY, TRAINING, AND OVERALL
11 WELL-BEING OF OUR STAFF AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR JUVENILE
12 FACILITIES, INCLUDING A COMPLETE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR MENTAL
13 HEALTH NEEDS. YOU KNOW, SOMETIME AGO, THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES BROUGHT ALL MAJOR UNIVERSITIES IN
15 THE AREA TO FULLY REDO THEIR TRAINING FOR THEIR SOCIAL
16 WORKERS. AND THEY HAVE THIS AMAZING UNIVERSITY NOW, THE
17 D.C.F.S. UNIVERSITY. AND I'VE BEEN THERE AND WATCHED THE
18 SIMULATION OF REAL LIFE EVENTS. AND THAT'S A HUGE PART OF THE
19 TRAINING OF THE SOCIAL WORKERS. AND IN 2017, I ASKED THE
20 PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO LOOK AT RESTRUCTURING THE TRAINING
21 ALONG SIMILAR LINES. AND I HOPE THAT THE REPORT BACK THAT WE
22 ARE ASKING FOR IN THESE MOTIONS WILL TELL US WHERE THE
23 DEPARTMENT IS ON THAT EFFORT. SO THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES FOR
24 YOUR INSIGHT AND THOUGHTFULNESS ON THIS ISSUE. I WOULD LIKE TO

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1 TAKE IT TO OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO HAVE YOU SPEAK ON THIS ITEM
2 OR OFFER YOUR COMMENTS OR NOT.

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4 **CHIEF MCDONALD:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, TERRI MCDONALD, CHIEF
5 PROBATION OFFICER, WE'RE MORE IN THE WAY OF ANSWERING
6 QUESTIONS BECAUSE I KNOW YOU HAVE QUITE A FEW SPEAKERS. I WILL
7 SAY, THOUGH, THERE WAS NOT A SINGLE THING THAT ANY BOARD
8 OFFICE SAID TODAY THAT WE WOULD DISPUTE. THE VAST MAJORITY OF
9 OUR EMPLOYEES ARE HONORABLE AND ETHICAL AND COMMITTED TO THE
10 YOUTH. BUT WE DO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL WORK TO DO TO HELP GIVE THEM
11 THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO DEAL WITH AN EVER INCREASING
12 POPULATION. AND I BELIEVE PROFOUNDLY THE ROLE THAT MENTAL
13 HEALTH AND THE OVERALL HEALTH AGENCY CAN PLAY IN HELPING GIVE
14 TREATMENT TEAM APPROACH TOWARDS OUR CLIENTS. I ALSO APPRECIATE
15 VERY MUCH THE APPROACH OF BEING THOUGHTFUL AND DELIBERATIVE
16 AND ENGAGING AND COLLABORATIVE IN THIS APPROACH. NONE OF US --
17 AND I HEARD YOU SAY THIS CLEARLY -- WANTS CHILDREN OR STAFF
18 HURT AS WE TRANSITION FROM ONE TOOL. AND OUR PREFERENCE IS,
19 AND I KNOW IT'S THE EMPLOYEES' PREFERENCE, WE DON'T WANT TO
20 HAVE TO DO ANY PHYSICAL ENGAGEMENTS WITH YOUTH. WE JUST DON'T.
21 BUT IF WE'RE REQUIRED TO DO THAT, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
22 THE STAFF HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO DO THAT IN A WAY THAT THE KIDS
23 DON'T GET HURT AND THE STAFF DON'T GET HURT. SO WE'RE LOOKING
24 FORWARD TO THE REPORT BACK. THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS WE WERE
25 TALKING ABOUT THIS BEFORE THE ACTION AS WE WERE STARTING TO

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1 LOOK AT O.C... MISS MITCHELL CAME FROM A JURISDICTION IN WHICH
2 O.C. IS NOT USED. AND WE DON'T WANT TO BE IN THE BUSINESS IN
3 WHICH WE'RE EXPOSING KIDS OR STAFF TO THAT CHEMICAL. SO WE
4 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK, REPORT BACK ON THE
5 STATUS, WORK ON DATA. IF ANY UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES ARISE, WE
6 CAN DO THAT. WE NEED OUR EMPLOYEES, THE PEOPLE CLOSEST TO THE
7 PROBLEM ARE OFTEN CLOSEST TO THE SOLUTION, AND THAT INCLUDES
8 OUR KIDS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
9 REPORTING BACK. WE APPRECIATE OUR PARTNERSHIP HERE AND WITH
10 OUR LABOR ORGANIZATION.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY, I APPRECIATE THE
13 CHIEF'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE ATTEMPT TO WORK ON THIS ISSUE
14 PRIOR TO OUR ATTEMPT TO BRING IT TO A HEAD. I JUST WANT TO SAY
15 THAT PRIOR TO YOUR BEING THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, IT HAD
16 BEEN SUGGESTED THAT EFFORTS WERE MADE AT REFORM, AS WELL. TIME
17 HAS RUN OUT. IT WON'T GET BETTER. AS A COUNTY, WE ARE AT RISK
18 UNLESS WE DO WHAT WE KNOW WE SHOULD DO. AND SO, I'VE GROWN
19 COMPLETELY IMPATIENT WITH THE CLAIMS THAT WE ARE WORKING ON
20 IT, WE ARE TRYING IT. WE NEED MORE TRAINING AND SO FORTH. JUST
21 SIMPLY FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO IT. BRING IT BACK TO US SO THAT WE
22 CAN DISPOSE OF THIS AND HOLD OUR HEADS HIGH IN THIS IMPORTANT
23 AREA OF WORK.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. SHERIN OR RICARDO, DID YOU
2 WANT TO SAY ANYTHING?

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4 **DR. SHERIN:** YEAH, IF I COULD MAKE A FEW BRIEF COMMENTS. THANK
5 YOU, SUPERVISORS, DR. SHERIN, JON SHERIN, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
6 HEALTH. IN GENERAL, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT BEHAVIORAL ISSUES
7 THROUGH A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LENS. AND THIS IS ANOTHER CARE-
8 FIRST OPPORTUNITY. BEHAVIOR, IN MANY CASES, REALLY IS A RED
9 FLAG CRY FOR HELP, PARTICULARLY IN THESE YOUNGER POPULATIONS.
10 THE CORE FEATURE, WHICH IS SHARED ACROSS THE PROBATION
11 DEPARTMENT FOR THE KIDS THERE IS TRAUMA, HISTORY OF TRAUMA,
12 PHYSICAL TRAUMA, MENTAL TRAUMA, SPIRITUAL TRAUMA. AND THESE
13 ARE YOUNG BRAINS. YOUNG BRAINS ARE VERY INFLUENCED. THEY'RE
14 VERY PLASTIC, WHAT WE SAY IN THE BUSINESS, EASILY INFLUENCED,
15 AND AT RISK OF GOING IN A DIRECTION THAT WILL NOT BENEFIT OVER
16 TIME. THE USE OF FORCE REINFORCES TRAUMA AND THE WRONG
17 NARRATIVE. SAME FOR PEPPER SPRAY. CHIEF MCDONALD, WHO I SPENT
18 A BUNCH OF TIME WITH AND I'VE TOURED HALLS AND CAMPS WITH, HAS
19 BEEN STRUGGLING TO COORDINATE EFFORTS ACROSS THE HEALTH AND
20 HUMAN SERVICE DEPARTMENTS. AND SHE REACHED OUT FOR HELP. AND
21 THE HEALTH AGENCY AND IN HEALTH AGENCY FASHION AND DR. GHALY,
22 DR. FERRER AND I, AGREED TO HELP DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED
23 APPROACH AND A SHARED GOVERNANCE BODY THAT WILL WORK WITH HER
24 TO SIMPLIFY FOR PROBATION ACCESS TO AND ASSISTANCE WITH THE
25 DELIVERY OF SERVICE AND ALSO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLICIES

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1 AND PROCEDURES AND THE TYPES OF ENVIRONMENTS WHERE KIDS WHO
2 ARE IN PROBATION ARE SPENDING THEIR TIME. THERE'S A NUMBER OF
3 ACTIONS THAT ARE ALIGNED THAT ARE GOING TO BE COMING DOWN THE
4 PIKE VERY SOON, SOME THAT ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY, INCLUDING
5 IDENTIFYING A LEAD INDIVIDUAL FOR THAT GOVERNANCE BODY THAT I
6 HAD DESCRIBED. AND I THANK THE BOARD FOR CREATING AN ITEM TO
7 DO THAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. CLEARLY, WE NEED TO TRAIN UP THE
8 ECOSYSTEM AS A GOAL OF TRANSFORMING THE CULTURE IN PROBATION.
9 WE NEED TO HIRE MANY ADDITIONAL STAFF. AND WE ALSO NEED TO
10 RECOGNIZE THE ROLE OF SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTIONS, WHICH ARE
11 YET ANOTHER RED FLAG OF SELF-TREATMENT. AND WE NEED TO TAKE AN
12 INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO EVERYTHING THAT WE DO. WE ARE
13 VERY POISED TO, I THINK, AS A HEALTH AGENCY, REVIEW, RE-
14 ENGINEER THE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND ENVIRONMENTS, ALONG
15 WITH PROBATION, AND TO LOOK FORWARD TO CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT
16 WHERE THE STAFF CAN FLOURISH IN THEIR JOBS JUST LIKE THE
17 CHILDREN.

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19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. SHERIN. MR. GARCIA.

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21 **RICARDO GARCIA:** THANK YOU, RICARDO GARCIA, PUBLIC DEFENDER.
22 WITHOUT BEING REDUNDANT, I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS WE LEARN AS
23 TRIAL LAWYERS IS WHEN YOU LISTEN TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS MAKING
24 DECISIONS, YOU HEAR WHAT THEY SAY. AND SO, YOU LET THEM DO
25 WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'VE BEEN

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1 TELLING YOU. AND YOU'VE BEEN SPEAKING CLEARLY FOR THE LAST FEW
2 MINUTES. I DO WANT TO ADD SOMETHING, THOUGH, THAT I THINK HAS
3 BEEN SAID AND IS IMPORTANT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE AND THAT OF MY
4 CLIENTS. AS I INDICATE IN MY LETTER, AND I DON'T THINK ANYBODY
5 HERE DISAGREES, THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, THESE BOYS, THESE
6 GIRLS, NEED TO BE TREATED REALLY THE WAY WE TREAT OUR OWN
7 CHILDREN AND WITH THE SAME DIGNITY AND RESPECT WE WOULD EXPECT
8 OUR CHILDREN TO BE TREATED IF THEY WERE IN THOSE HALLS. BUT WE
9 ALSO DO, AND I ACKNOWLEDGE, WE HAVE TO CONSIDER AND CARE FOR
10 THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE THEM IN THEIR CARE. AND WHAT I WANT TO
11 EMPHASIZE, AT LEAST PERHAPS DIFFERENTLY THAN I DID BEFORE IS
12 THAT IN THE REPORT BY O.I.G., AND WHAT I READ AND WHAT I KNOW,
13 IS THAT THERE ARE PROBATION OFFICERS WHO CARE AND WORK
14 DILIGENTLY WITH ALL THEIR HEART. AND I THINK WHAT WOULD
15 BENEFIT MY CLIENTS IN THIS TRAINING THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED,
16 WHAT WOULD HELP ME AND THEM AND ALL OF US IS IF WE LEVERAGED
17 THOSE INDIVIDUALS, WE REWARD THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ALREADY
18 DOING WHAT WE WANT THEM TO DO AND WHAT WE NEED THEM TO DO. WE
19 SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF ENERGY AND TIME FOCUSING OUR ATTENTION
20 ON THE PROBLEM, WHICH WE NEED TO DO, AND TALK ABOUT HOW WE'RE
21 GOING TO FIX THE PROBLEM, WHICH WE MUST DO IN THIS SITUATION,
22 WITHOUT QUESTION. BUT PART OF THAT SOLUTION, PART OF THE REAL
23 PART OF THAT SOLUTION, EXISTS WITHIN THE VERY INSTITUTION,
24 WHICH ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO DO CARE. GO TO THEM. WORK WITH
25 THEM BECAUSE THOSE ARE THE ONES MY ATTORNEYS AND MY KIDS TELL

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1 ME ALL THE TIME DO IT RIGHT. FIND THEM. REWARD THEM. LEVERAGE
2 THEM. AND SO, I JUST ASK YOU TO CONSIDER THAT AND ALL OF US AS
3 WE WORK TOGETHER TO LOOK AT THOSE PROBATION OFFICERS, WHO I
4 KNOW ARE HERE IN THIS AUDIENCE THAT LOVE WHAT THEY DO, LOVE MY
5 KIDS, AND WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MS. MITCHELL, DID YOU -- YOU'RE
8 THE ONLY ONE THAT DIDN'T SAY SOMETHING.

9

10 **SHEILA MITCHELL:** YES, THANK YOU. AND I, TOO, AGREE THAT IT IS
11 CERTAINLY AN IMMORAL ACT TO BE USING O.C. SPRAY ON YOUNGSTERS
12 THAT HAVE BEEN VICTIMS, AND SOMETIMES NOT VICTIMS, BUT
13 CERTAINLY VICTIMS FACING A HIGH DEGREE OF TRAUMA. AS THE
14 SUPERVISOR WAS SAYING, WE'RE FINDING LIKE AT LEAST 95 PERCENT
15 OF ALL OF OUR YOUNGSTERS IN JUVENILE HALL TODAY HAVE SOME
16 DEGREE OF TRAUMA. AND SO MY STAFF -- AND I'M JUST EXTREMELY
17 PROUD OF THOSE THAT HAVE TAKEN THE LEADERSHIP HERE TO REALLY
18 DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS. WHEN I LOOK AT IT,
19 I KNOW THAT TRAINING'S IMPORTANT, BUT TRAINING IS JUST ONE
20 ASPECT OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO CHANGE THE OUTCOMES FOR OUR
21 YOUNGSTERS. WHEN YOU LOOK AT TRAINING -- AND I CAN GO DOWN THE
22 LITANY OF ALL THE CLASSES THAT WE HAVE DONE AND ALL THAT STILL
23 NEED TO BE DONE. BUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT CULTURE, IT REALLY IS
24 DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT LEADERSHIP? I'M REALLY PROUD THAT I'VE
25 BEEN REALLY FORTUNATE TO HIRE SOME GREAT LEADERS TO OVERSEE

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1 OUR JUVENILE HALLS. THEY HAVE OF LAID -- I'M REALLY PROUD OF
2 THE PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE WITH OUR LABOR UNIONS. THEY'RE GOING
3 TO BE JOINING US IN THIS EFFORT. I'M EXTREMELY PROUD THAT WE
4 ON THE JUVENILE SIDE OF THE HOUSE HAVE RE-IMAGINED OUR MISSION
5 AND OUR GOALS AND OUR EXPECTATIONS OF STAFF. SO WHEN THE
6 MOTION CALLS FOR A 60-DAY REPORT BACK, IT'S GOING TO BE A
7 HEAVY LIFT, BUT I KNOW THAT IT'S CRITICAL BECAUSE WHEN YOU
8 LOOK AT WHO'S IN JUVENILE HALL TODAY, WHILE OUR NUMBERS ARE
9 DOWN, KIDS HIGHLY TRAUMATIZED, BUT ALSO IT'S MOSTLY 99 PERCENT
10 KIDS OF COLOR. AND SO, WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR
11 ALL OF OUR KIDS, BUT WE ALSO ARE LOOKING AT IT IS NOT A
12 PUNITIVE NATURE OF THEM BEING IN JUVENILE HALL. SO WE HAVE TO
13 DO THINGS QUITE DIFFERENTLY. AND SO, I KNOW WE'RE POSED TO DO
14 THAT. SO I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

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16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MS. BARGER.

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18 **SUP. BARGER:** I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK. I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
19 ABOUT THE STAFFING, BUT I WILL RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE BECAUSE I
20 TALKED TO THE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE ON THE FRONT LINE. AND I WILL
21 TELL YOU THAT THEY DO NOT FEEL THEY ARE GETTING SUPPORT IN
22 TRAINING. [APPLAUSE] WHETHER IT BE USING PEPPER SPRAY OR USING
23 OTHER MEANS TO CONTROL A SITUATION, IF THEY DON'T FEEL LIKE
24 THEY'RE BEING PROPERLY TRAINED, THE BUCK STOPS WITH YOU ALL,
25 OKAY. AND THEN ULTIMATELY IT STOPS WITH US. AND SO, IF WE'RE

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1 GOING TO TAKE AWAY PEPPER SPRAY, WHICH AGAIN I SUPPORT DOING,
2 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND OWN THE FACT
3 THAT STAFF DOES NOT FEEL THAT THEY'VE BEEN PROPERLY TRAINED.
4 AND I'VE HEARD THIS FROM PEOPLE WHEN I GO OUT THERE IN THE
5 COMMUNITY, WHEN I'M, ON WEEKENDS, RUN INTO PEOPLE THAT WORK IN
6 PROBATION. THEY LIVE ALL OVER THE COUNTY. AND I HEAR FROM
7 THEM. AND I KNOW THE UNION HAS BROUGHT IT UP AS A CONCERN. AND
8 SO, I BELIEVE IT'S NOT THE ONLY, BUT DON'T UNDERESTIMATE OR
9 UNDER-ASSUME THAT TRAINING IS NOT VITAL BECAUSE THE MINUTE YOU
10 TAKE THIS AWAY, IF STAFF DOES NOT FEEL THEY'RE GETTING PROPER
11 TRAINING, AND SOMETHING HAPPENS, IT'S ON US. AND YOU KNOW WHO
12 ENDS UP PAYING FOR THAT? THE TAXPAYERS. SO, I GET FRUSTRATED
13 BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING ISSUE. I'VE HEARD IT
14 WHEN WE MET WITH THE UNIONS LAST YEAR. I HEARD IT AS BEING A
15 CONCERN THEN. SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO NOTE THAT
16 THAT IS NOT THE ONLY. BUT WHEN YOU SAY, YOU KNOW, THE WAY YOU
17 SAID IT MADE ME THINK THAT YOU REALLY DO NOT APPRECIATE HOW
18 IMPORTANT TRAINING OF STAFF IS. AND BY THE WAY, NOT JUST AS IT
19 RELATES TO THIS, TRAINING AS IT RELATES TO ACCESS TO MENTAL
20 HEALTH SERVICES, AS IT RELATES TO PREPARING THEM WHEN THEY
21 LEAVE BEING IN OUR CUSTODY, TRAINING ON, YOU KNOW, HOW TO WORK
22 AND NAVIGATE SYSTEMS OF EDUCATION BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THIS
23 BOARD, WE TALK ABOUT ABOUT THE O.C., BUT AS IT RELATES TO
24 EDUCATION, L.A.C.O., AND OUR CAMPS, AND OUR HALLS, THAT'S
25 ANOTHER ISSUE THIS BOARD NEEDS TO TACKLE. SO, YOU KNOW, I'M

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1 HYPERSENSITIVE ONLY BECAUSE I FEEL THAT THE STAFF IS BEING
2 PAINTED IN A WAY THAT THEY'RE USING THIS AS A TOOL TO BE
3 UNKIND AND CRUEL. AND I HAVE TO BELIEVE THEY'RE NOT DOING THIS
4 FOR THE MONEY. THEY'RE DOING THIS BECAUSE THEY REALLY ARE
5 COMMITTED, LIKE YOU ARE, AS A PUBLIC DEFENDER, YOU CALL THEM
6 YOUR CHILDREN. THESE EMPLOYEES ARE OF THE SAME I BELIEVE
7 CLOTH. AND I THINK WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM AS IT RELATES TO
8 THAT COMPONENT OF IT. SO 60 DAYS MAY BE A HEAVY LIFT, AND IT
9 IS, BY THE WAY, BECAUSE WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE NUMBERS BEING
10 DOWN, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT WHO ARE IN THESE CAMPS AND IN
11 THESE HALLS RIGHT NOW. THEY'RE NOT READY TO GO BACK OUT INTO
12 THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE THEY NEED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT. THEY
13 HAVE BEEN TRAUMATIZED. I'M SURE THERE'S THINGS IN THEIR PASTS
14 THAT HAVE BROUGHT THEM TO WHERE THEY ARE IN OUR SYSTEM. BUT WE
15 NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB AS THEIR EMPLOYERS TO MAKE SURE THAT
16 WE'RE GIVING THEM ALL THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO GET -- TO HELP
17 THESE CHILDREN SUCCEED. THANK YOU. THAT WAS MORE THAN A
18 MINUTE.

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20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT WAS WORTH GIVING YOU ANOTHER
21 CHANCE TO SPEAK, WASN'T IT? [APPLAUSE] OKAY. NO CLAPPING, NOT
22 EVEN FOR MS. BARGER. OKAY. ORDER IN THE COURT. WE HAVE ALMOST
23 50 SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO ADDRESS US, COLLEAGUES, ON
24 THIS ITEM, SO LET'S START CALLING THEM UP.

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1 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
2 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. ROURKE STACY, MAUREEN
3 PACHECO. DOMINIQUE NONG, FRANCISCO MARTINEZ. ANDREA GORDON.
4 ANTONIA RAMIREZ. DARWIN RAMIREZ. DEBRAH LARES, DOMINIQUE --
5 I'M SORRY. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. EDDIE CHISM. ERIC PREVEN.
6 AND EVA GRENIER. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WELCOME. GO AHEAD.

10

11 **ROURKE STACY PADILLA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AS CHAIR OF
12 THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR LETTING ME SPEAK
13 TODAY. I'M ROURKE STACY PADILLA WITH THE LAW OFFICE OF LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER. FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, I'VE
15 BEEN A DEDICATED TRAINER FOR OUR JUVENILE DIVISION. AND I
16 SPENT MORE THAN HALF OF MY 18 YEARS WITH OUR JUVENILE
17 DIVISION. THE DISTURBING OVER-RELIANCE ON PEPPER SPRAY HAS
18 SIGNIFICANT AND TRAUMATIC LIFE CHANGING EFFECTS FOR CHILDREN
19 IN CUSTODY. IN FACT, MANY OF OUR CLIENTS ARE SO IMPACTED BY
20 THE EFFECTS THAT THEY OFTEN DO NOT REPORT THAT PEPPER SPRAY TO
21 THEIR ATTORNEYS. HOWEVER WHEN THEY DO REPORT, WHAT WE HAVE
22 FOUND IS A DISTURBING PATTERN OF CONTINUED USE OF PEPPER SPRAY
23 ON A VULNERABLE POPULATION. FOR EXAMPLE, PEPPER SPRAY WAS
24 EMPLOYED ON A YOUTH WHO WAS WEARING A HELMET BECAUSE HER
25 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WERE SO PRONOUNCED, SHE WAS BANGING HER

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1 HEAD ON THE WALLS. PEPPER SPRAY WAS EMPLOYED ONLY A 13-YEAR-
2 OLD INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED BOY WHO WAS THEN SHOVED INTO HIS
3 ROOM WITH THE DOOR CLOSED. MORE SHOCKINGLY, ANOTHER CHILD WAS
4 PEPPER SPRAYED AND THEN, A SHORT WHILE LATER, WAS LEFT ALONE
5 IN HIS ROOM. HE SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED OUT, AND HE WAS AWAKENED
6 BY HEARING CODE BLUE AND C.P.R. BEING PERFORMED ON HIM AND
7 THEN TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL. A COUPLE WEEKS AGO AT THE
8 HEARING OF THE O.I.G. REPORT, WE HEARD VARIOUS REASONS FOR THE
9 RECENT INCREASE IN THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY SUCH AS THE
10 ELIMINATION OF ROOM CONFINEMENT. BUT I WOULD SAY, OF ALL MY
11 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE OFFICE, THAT'S NOT A FAIR
12 CORRELATION OR JUSTIFICATION BECAUSE ROOM CONFINEMENT WAS IN
13 FULL USE WHEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAD
14 CONCERNS ABOUT PEPPER SPRAY OVER 16 YEARS AGO. YOUTH ARE NOT
15 MORE VIOLENT NOW OR EVEN DIFFERENT NOW. ARREST STATISTICS
16 POINT TO A DRAMATIC DECREASE OF YOUTH ARRESTED FOR VIOLENT
17 CRIMES. IN FACT, WE HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY LESS CHILDREN IN
18 JUVENILE HALL THAN EVER. IN JANUARY 2018, THE SANTA CLARITA
19 VALLEY NEWS REPORTED L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
20 STATISTICS WHICH SHOWED A DRAMATIC DECREASE IN ARREST OF
21 JUVENILES SINCE THE 1990S. WHAT WE SEE MISSING IS THE TRUE
22 CHARACTERIZATION OF THESE CHILDREN. IN 2017, CHILDREN'S DATA
23 NETWORK STUDY REGARDING L.A. COUNTY PROBATION YOUTH FOUND THAT
24 83 PERCENT HAD BEEN REFERRED TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AT
25 LEAST ONCE FOR MALTREATMENT PRIOR TO THEIR CONTACT WITH THE

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1 DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. CHILDREN ARE NOT ANY DIFFERENT. WE'RE JUST
2 MORE COGNIZANT OF WHAT THEY NEED. THE L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC
3 DEFENDERS KNOW THAT YOUTH IN CUSTODY HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER
4 RATES OF TRAUMA, MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER ISSUES THAT MAKE THEM
5 PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE. ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS
6 POPULATION MAY PRESENT CHALLENGES WHILE IN CUSTODY, WE ARE
7 ALSO DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE CONTINUED USE OF PEPPER SPRAY ON
8 THESE CHILDREN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS MOST
9 IMPORTANT MATTER.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **MAUREEN PACHECO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M MAUREEN PACHECO. AND I'M
14 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE IN
15 SUPPORT OF MOTIONS 7 AND 11. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD
16 FOR LOOKING SERIOUSLY AT THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE AND FOR
17 INVITING OUR COMMENTS. OVERALL, OUR OFFICE HAS A VERY GOOD
18 RELATIONSHIP WITH PROBATION AND PARTICULARLY WITH SHEILA
19 MITCHELL WHO HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE AND WILLING TO ADDRESS MANY
20 OF THE CONCERNS WE HAVE RAISED WITH HER. THERE ARE ALSO MANY
21 DEDICATED AND COMMITTED PROBATION OFFICERS WE WORK WITH ON A
22 DAILY BASIS WHO HAVE THE WEIGHTY AND SOMETIMES VERY DIFFICULT
23 JOB OF KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE WHILE UNDER THEIR CARE. WE'VE
24 BEEN ASKED TO BRIEFLY COMMENT ON THE IMPACT OF PEPPER SPRAY ON
25 OUR YOUTH CLIENTS. I'VE CUT MY REMARKS DOWN SUBSTANTIALLY

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1 BECAUSE, AFTER LISTENING TO EVERYBODY ELSE, IT SEEMS LIKE THE
2 TIME HAS COME. THERE IS A CONSENSUS THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR
3 REAL ACTION. SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS DESCRIBED SOME OF THE
4 HORRIFIC PHYSICAL RESULTS OF PEPPER SPRAY. AND ONE OF OUR
5 CLIENTS HAS TOLD US IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE DYING. I'D LIKE TO
6 TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT ONE CLIENT OF OURS WHO HIGHLIGHTS WHAT
7 EVERYBODY HERE HAS SAID TODAY ABOUT THE NEED FOR MORE MENTAL
8 HEALTH TREATMENT AND MORE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING. WE'LL CALL
9 HIM P. P. IS 14 YEARS OLD. HE'S IN SPECIAL ED, AND HE HAS
10 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND SIGNIFICANT EMOTIONAL NEEDS. HE ALSO
11 HAS JUVENILE DIABETES AND A CONDITION CALLED HYPOTHALAMIC
12 HAMARTOMA, A BENIGN BRAIN TUMOR THAT MAY CAUSE SEIZURES AND
13 CAN IMPACT HIS ABILITY TO THINK CLEARLY. P. WAS ALSO ONLY
14 ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION WHILE HE WAS IN THE HALLS AS WELL AS
15 MEDICATION FOR SEIZURES. IN OTHER WORDS, HE HAD MANY OF THE
16 RED FLAGS THAT MAKE THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY, NOT ONLY
17 CONTRAINDICATED, BUT ALSO VERY DANGEROUS. HE WAS SPRAYED IN
18 CUSTODY NOT ONCE, NOT TWICE, BUT FOUR TIMES. THE FIRST TIME P.
19 TOOK A PEN FROM THE STAFF AND WOULD NOT RETURN IT WHEN TOLD
20 TO. HIS MOM SAYS IT WAS LIKE A FIDGET TOY FOR HIM. HE INTENDED
21 NO ONE HARM. WHEN STAFF TRIED TO PHYSICALLY TAKE THE PEN
22 AWAY, P. RESISTED AND WAS PEPPER SPRAYED.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU COULD WRAP UP YOUR
25 REMARKS.

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1

2 **MAUREEN PACHECO:** I WILL. AS EVERYBODY HAS SAID, FOR OUR YOUTH,
3 MOST OF THE YOUTHS WHO ARE IN THE HALL ARE TRAUMATIZED. THE
4 USE OF PEPPER SPRAY RETRAUMATIZES THEM ON MANY LEVELS. LASTLY,
5 I WOULD SAY THAT ELIMINATING THE USE OF PEPPER SPRAY MAY IN
6 FACT MAKE THE HALLS AND CAMPS SAFER NOT JUST FOR OUR YOUTH BUT
7 FOR OUR STAFF.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **MAUREEN PACHECO:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **DARWIN RAMIREZ:** HI, MY NAME IS DARWIN RAMIREZ. AND I'M A
16 FORMER ADJUDICATED YOUTH. WITH MY SPRAY WITH O.C. SPRAY AND
17 O.C. FOG WAS AN INCIDENT WHERE -- THIS IS THE MOST
18 REMEMBERABLE INCIDENT WHERE I WAS -- WE ASSAULTED A YOUTH ON A
19 NEW STAFF MEMBER. THE SENIOR STAFF MEMBER CAME AND SPRAYED US
20 AND BROKE UP THE FIGHT. HE HANDCUFFED US WHILE SPRAYED, SENT
21 US BACK IN OUR ROOM, CLOSED THE DOOR, CAME BACK IN WITH TWO
22 CANS OF SPRAY, AND SPRAYED ME AND MY ROOMMATE CONSISTENTLY
23 WHILE WE WERE UNDRESSED BECAUSE WE WERE RECENTLY OUT OF THE
24 SHOWER. HE SPRAYED US IN OUR FACES. WE TRIED TO DIG OUR FACES
25 INTO THE BED. HE WAS SPRAYING US IN OUR BODY PARTS, BACKS,

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1 EVERYWHERE. HE THEN SHUT THE DOOR, DIDN'T GIVE US ANY
2 TREATMENT. AND WE WERE TRYING TO USE THE WATER FROM THE FAUCET
3 AND THE TOILET TO PUT THE -- TO KIND OF, YOU KNOW, TAKE THE --
4 DECONTAMINATE. I ASKED FOR TREATMENT AFTER THAT. HE WOULDN'T
5 GIVE IT TO US. I WROTE A GRIEVANCE. HE TORE UP THE GRIEVANCE.
6 I HAD BOILS BUBBLING UP ON MY EAR, THE BACK OF MY HEAD BECAUSE
7 OF THIS. AND I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT. I'LL NEVER FORGET THE
8 STAFF THAT DID THAT TO ME. I THINK -- I AGREE WITH REMOVING
9 O.C. SPRAY FROM THESE FACILITIES.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
12 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **DOMINQUE NONG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DOMINIQUE NONG FROM THE
15 CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR
16 OF ITEM 7 AND 11. ACCORDING TO NATIONAL EXPERTS AND STATE
17 MODELS, THE ACTIONS REQUIRED IN 7, PARTICULARLY THE STAFFING
18 AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND RESOURCES, ARE NECESSARY TO SAFELY
19 IMPLEMENT ITEM 11. THE PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE CHEMICAL SPRAY
20 USE AND IMPORTANTLY TO DO SO IN A GRADUAL, DELIBERATE, AND
21 WELL-RESEARCHED MANNER, IS A WISE AND REALISTIC WAY TO ACHIEVE
22 THE REHABILITATIVE GOALS OF L.A. COUNTY PROBATION WHILE
23 ENSURING THE SAFETY OF BOTH YOUTH AND STAFF. WE CANNOT TAKE
24 AWAY A TOOL STAFF HAVE CONSISTENTLY RELIED ON WITHOUT
25 EQUIPPING THEM WITH MORE EFFECTIVE AND SAFER ALTERNATIVES TO

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1 INTERACT WITH YOUTH. FORTUNATELY, DUE TO RESEARCH AND LESSONS
2 GAINED FROM THE 35 OTHER STATES WHO ALREADY BAN THE USE
3 CHEMICAL SPRAY, THERE ARE TRUSTWORTHY PRACTICAL EXAMPLES AND
4 RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO EQUIP THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND
5 PROVIDE STAFF THE NEEDED TRAINING AND RETRAINING. AS THE
6 PROBATION DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO EXPLORE WAYS TO ELIMINATE
7 CHEMICAL SPRAY, I ENCOURAGE IT TO REACH OUT TO OTHER COUNTIES
8 AND STATES THAT HAVE SAFELY BANNED IT. JUST THREE YEARS AGO,
9 OKLAHOMA SUCCESSFULLY PHASED OUT THE USE OF CHEMICAL SPRAY IN
10 JUST ONE YEAR IN ALL ITS FACILITIES THAT EQUATE TO OUR STATE
11 LEVEL FACILITIES.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. IF YOU HAVE
14 ANYTHING EXTRA, YOU CAN TURN IT IN. AND WE'LL READ IT.

15

16 **DOMINIQUE NONG:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I WILL JUST TOTALLY
22 SUPPORT THE REMOVAL OF THE SPRAY AND TOTALLY AGREE WITH WHAT
23 SUPERVISOR BARGER HAVE SAID. THE LACK OF TRAINING IS
24 OUTRAGEOUS. THE LACK OF EMPLOYEES IS ALSO OUTRAGEOUS. YOU
25 KNOW, I HAVE COME TO THIS BOARD MULTIPLE TIMES SAYING THAT

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1 MANY OF THE NURSE, IN PARTICULAR, HAVE P.T.S.D. AND ARE WORRY
2 FOR THEIR LIFE. WHEN YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR LIFE, YOU DO
3 STUPID THINGS. AND I THINK MAYBE SOME OF THE OF RESPONSE OF
4 PEPPER SPRAY IS SECONDARY TO THAT. SO, MORE EMPLOYEES, BETTER
5 TRAINING, AND STOP THE REACTING FOR NO REASON. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **EVA GRENIER:** GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR
10 HEARING THESE MOTIONS. MY NAME IS EVA GRENIER. I'M AN ATTORNEY
11 AND SOCIAL WORKER AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL'S CENTER FOR JUVENILE
12 LAW AND POLICY. ON BEHALF OUR ORGANIZATION AND CLIENTS, WE ASK
13 YOU TO SUPPORT MOTIONS 7 AND 11. I'M HER TO CONVEY THE
14 PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL HARM AND REAL LIFE IMPACT O.C. SPRAY
15 CAUSES ON YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ONE CLIENT'S STORY. THIS CHILD IS
16 A REGIONAL CENTER CONSUMER AND HAS AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.
17 WHILE DETAINED AT JUVENILE HALL, HE WAS PEPPER SPRAYED
18 MULTIPLE TIMES. HE REQUIRED MEDICAL ATTENTION, WHICH HE WAS
19 NOT GIVEN IMMEDIATELY. AND HE WAS PEPPER SPRAYED IN THE EYE.
20 HE SUFFERED PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL HARM AS A RESULT OF THIS
21 ABUSIVE PRACTICE. WE ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS AND MAKE
22 A REAL PLAN TO PHASE OUT THIS TRIGGERING ARCHAIC AND HARMFUL
23 PRACTICE. WE SUPPORT TRAUMA INFORMED AND THERAPEUTIC RESPONSES
24 TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEEDS. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVE A
4 CRIME EPIDEMIC OF DRUGS, GANGS, VIOLENCE, AND THEFT, THEFT,
5 THEFT. YET HERE WE HAVE SHEILA KUEHL, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS,
6 HILDA SOLIS, ERIC GARCETTI, MARK FEUER, WHO FAIL TO PROVIDE
7 PUBLIC SAFETY TO ALL LEGAL LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS, YET THEY ARE
8 FERVENTLY AND ADAMANTLY REWARDING AND PAMPERING THESE WICKED
9 CRIMINAL BLACKS AND LATINO PREDOMINANTLY GANG INDOCTRINATED
10 UNCIVILIZED SAVAGES. THESE ARE YOUNG PUNKS AND THUGS. THEIR
11 PARENTS FAILED TO RAISE THEM PROPERLY. THEY NEEDED TO GET A
12 GOOD SPANKING, AND THEY DIDN'T GET IT. SO I SAY SPRAY THEM
13 WITH JALAPENO UP THEIR ASSES, ALL THESE CRIMINAL YOUNG
14 [EXPLETIVE] WHO ARE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG. LOOK
15 AT THE RESULTS UP THERE. I'M HOMELESS. I DEAL WITH THIS EVERY
16 DAY. WHO HELPS US? NOBODY. AND THEY ARE BLACK AND BROWN. BLACK
17 AND BROWN. NOBODY HELPS US. THEY BEAT US, ATTACK US, AND ROB
18 US. NOBODY HELPS US. WHO HELPS US? NOBODY. BUT YET WE WORRY
19 ABOUT THEM WITH THEIR TRAUMA. WHAT ABOUT OUR TRAUMA? WHAT
20 ABOUT OURS?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** STOP PANDERING TO THESE LITTLE PUNKS. FRY
25 THEIR ASSES.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD. I KNOW, IT'S
3 SHOCKING, BUT GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD. SOMEBODY.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THESE KIDS BEING DETAINED ARE GENERALLY FOR 707 B
10 OFFENSES, THE MOST SERIOUS OF CRIMES. COMING OFF THE STREETS,
11 IT TAKES APPROXIMATELY 21 DAYS TO DETOX FROM DRUGS AND
12 ALCOHOL. IT TAKES WEEKS TO MAKE THE RELATIONSHIPS WITH KIDS
13 WHO HAVE LIVED AN AGGRESSIVE LIFE WITH GANGS, DRUGS, AND
14 WEAPONS ON THE STREET. THE JUVENILE HALLS ARE THE INITIAL
15 ENTRY INTO A SITUATION WHERE THE GOAL IS TO SAFELY MAINTAIN
16 THE YOUTH, PENDING COURT AND AN OUTCOME OF ALLEGED DELINQUENCY
17 TO BE SENT HOME TO PLACEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY OR CAMP. WHILE
18 WE CALL WHAT PROBATION DOES "REHABILITATION," THE REALITY OF
19 THE SITUATION IS MANY OF THE YOUTH'S LIVES ARE IN NEED OF
20 HABILITATION. THEY ARRIVE AT THE HALLS IN A RAMPED-UP STATE OF
21 COMING FROM AN ENVIRONMENT OF FIGHTING WITH ADULT FIGURES IN
22 THEIR LIVES, INCLUDING THE POLICE, AND DO NOT GIVE UP THAT
23 STANCE WHEN DETAINED. IT IS ONLY AFTER WEEKS OF WORKING WITH
24 YOUTH THAT INROADS OF TRUST AND RESPECT ARE GENERATED.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT WAS A
2 MINUTE. AND IF YOU HAVE A TESTIMONY, YOU CAN --

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, IT'S ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GREAT, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **DEBRAH LARES:** DEBRAH LARES, PRESIDENT OF P.M.A. FOR L.A.
9 COUNTY PROBATION. DETENTION IN THE HALLS IS TAKEN FROM THE
10 YOUTH FROM THE NORM OF THE STREETS TO A NORMAL OF THE HALLS.
11 NO RULES OF EXPECTATIONS ON THE STREETS. MANY AT THE HALL. THE
12 RULES OF LIVING IN THE HALL IS SOMETHING THAT THEY'RE NOT USED
13 TO. BECAUSE OF THE YOUTH CHALLENGES AND GENERATIONS TO
14 VIOLENCE FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH
15 ISSUES, IT MAKES A YOUTH A DANGER TO THEMSELVES, OTHERS,
16 PARTICULARLY STAFF, WHEN THE AGGRESSION BEGINS. STAFF MAKE
17 ATTEMPTS TO QUELL YOUTH AND YOUTH ON YOUTH VIOLENCE AS WELL AS
18 YOUTH ON STAFF VIOLENCE. AT TIMES, IT'S AS EASY AS A TOUCH OR
19 A CALMING WORD TO BRING THEM BACK INTO REALITY. OTHER TIMES,
20 STAFF HAVE TO TAKE A MORE AGGRESSIVE ACTION TO REDUCE VIOLENCE
21 AND PROTECT BOTH STAFF FROM THE AGGRESSIVE YOUTH AND
22 BYSTANDERS. IN SUCH SITUATIONS, STAFF MAY NOT BE AWARE OF WHO
23 IS ASTHMATIC OR MENTAL HEALTH MEDICATED. TO QUELL THE
24 IMMEDIATE THREAT OF VIOLENCE, PEPPER SPRAY IS USED IN LIEU OF
25 WRESTLING A YOUTH THE FLOOR.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND BEFORE WE -- OUR NEXT
3 SPEAKER, WE NEED TO CALL UP SOME MORE SPEAKERS.

4

5 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
6 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME?
7 GEORGE BUZZETTI. GLORIA GONZALEZ, HANS LIANG, HERMAN HERMAN,
8 HUGO GONZALEZ, IAN KVSEL, JAMES SCHOENGARTH. JOHN SAMUELS.
9 JOSEPH MAIZLISH. KATIE HOLLAND. KIM MCGILL. KRYSTAL SHELLEY.
10 LOUISE DODSON. MARIA ESCOBAR. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF
11 WILL ASSIST YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE THOMAS, WE WOULD LIKE, AS PROBATION
16 OFFICERS, TAKE YOU TO TASK REGARDING MAKING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS
17 FOR STAFF AND MINORS. HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS, YOU KNOW THAT
18 THERE IS AN INCREASE IN RIOTS AND UNSAFE WORKING CONDITIONS IN
19 OUR HALLS AND OUR CAMPS. WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR IS A MEANINGFUL
20 PROGRAM THAT WORKS, A MEANINGFUL PROGRAM. WE WOULD LIKE TO
21 WORK IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT'S ZERO TOLERANCE FOR VIOLENCE. I
22 WOULD LIKE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO SHOW THE BOARD MEMBERS VIDEOS
23 OF HOW THE KIDS ARE ATTACKING THEMSELVES, ATTACKING EACH
24 OTHER, AND ATTACKING STAFF. THERE ARE VIDEOS THERE. BUT THEY
25 WON'T SHOW YOU THAT. WHAT THEY'LL SHOW YOU IS THAT SOME OF THE

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1 STAFF MAY HAVE MISAPPROPRIATED THE PEPPER SPRAY. WE NEED YOUR
2 HELP TO COME UP WITH THE MEANINGFUL PROGRAM, SOMETHING THAT
3 WORKS. AND AS THE DEFENDER, PUBLIC DEFENDER SAYS, LISTEN,
4 THESE KIDS BELONG TO ME. I TREAT THEM AS MY SONS AND MY
5 DAUGHTERS. AND I LOVE THEM.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **ANDREA GORDON:** MY NAME IS ANDREA GORDON. I'M A RETIRED COUNTY
10 EMPLOYEE AND THE FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE MANAGERS UNION IN
11 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I ONCE CAME BEFORE THIS BOARD MANY
12 YEARS AGO, AND I MADE THIS STATEMENT: NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO
13 DIE FOR A PAYCHECK. I BELIEVE THAT. AND YOU SHOULD ALSO NOT
14 THE BE VICTIM OF VIOLENCE ON THE PART OF THE KIDS. WE HAVE
15 CHILDREN WHO COME INTO OUR FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE
16 JUVENILE HALLS, WHO ARE AT WAR WITH RIVAL GANGS ON THE
17 STREETS. THEY ARE VERY WILLING TO KILL EACH OTHER, AND MANY
18 TIMES THEY HAVE KILLED EACH OTHER. WE NEED THE MEANS, THE
19 PROPER TRAINING. AND WHEN I SAY PROPER TRAINING, I DON'T MEAN
20 THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT SENDS SOMEONE WHO IS NOT AN
21 EXPERT TO A TRAIN THE TRAINERS CLASS FOR EIGHT HOURS AND THEN
22 COMES BACK AND TEACHES ALL THE STAFF. THAT IS NOT AN
23 EXPERIENCED TRAINER. THERE ARE MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE HALLS AND
24 IN THE CAMPS. IN THE CAMPS, YOU HAVE A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME
25 TO WORK WITH THE KIDS TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS. YOU HAVE VERY

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1 SHORT PERIODS OF TIME IN THE JUVENILE HALLS. WE NEED THAT
2 TRAINING.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **ANDREA GORDON:** AND PROPER STAFFING. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
9 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
12 DISTRICT. AND, YOU KNOW, YOU HEAR SOME COMPELLING EMPLOYEES
13 TALKING ABOUT A VERY DANGEROUS ENVIRONMENT, AND YET YOU ALSO
14 KNOW THAT TO USE PEPPER SPRAY ON CHILDREN IS A VERY STRANGE
15 CHOICE. AND ONLY IN LIKE A RIOT DOES IT MAKE ANY SENSE. SO
16 THERE DOES NEED TO BE SOME KIND OF A TRAINING, OBVIOUSLY.
17 WE'VE ALREADY RULED OUT BECAUSE JANICE HAHN MENTION THAT HAD
18 WE WOULD NOT BE ADDING TASERS OR OTHER THREATENING TOOLS.
19 THAT'S GOOD NEWS. SO WE HAVE TO TEACH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
20 SOMETHING THAT THEY KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE, BUT TO CREATE A
21 CLIMATE IN THE INSIDE OF THE FACILITIES. FIRST OF ALL, RULE
22 73, AS YOU KNOW, SAID LET THEM ALL OUT. YOU CAN'T GET IT DONE
23 INSIDE. SO THAT'S A BIG RED FLAG BECAUSE WE'RE STILL INSIDE.
24 BUT SOME PEOPLE ARE INSIDE. SO I WOULD SUGGEST, YOU KNOW, DE-
25 EMPHASIZING PEPPER SPRAY, BUT, REALLY, BUILDING UP THE RIGHT

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1 KIND OF MESSAGE, WHICH IS THAT WE CAN COMMUNICATE WITHOUT
2 VIOLENCE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **FRANCISCO MARTINEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME'S FRANCISCO MARTINEZ. I
7 JUST WANT TO START WITH THANKING YOU GUYS FOR TALKING ABOUT
8 THIS ISSUE. I WAS PART OF 7/11. WHEN I WAS 17, I WAS IN THE
9 JUVENILE HALL. AND I WAS PEPPER SPRAYED. I WAS NOT THE ONE
10 TARGETED BUT, BECAUSE OF TWO YOUNG PEOPLE WERE FIGHTING, WE
11 ALL GOT HIT. AND IT HAD A MAJOR EFFECT ON MY HEALTH BECAUSE I
12 HAVE ASTHMA. AND ANYONE WHO HAS HAD ASTHMA OR HAS EXPERIENCED
13 AN ASTHMA ATTACK, IT'S THE WORST POSSIBLE FEELING. YOU FEEL
14 LIKE YOU'RE DYING. I WAS GASPING FOR AIR. I FELT LIKE A FISH
15 OUT OF WATER. AND THAT FEELING, IT'S TERRIFYING, ESPECIALLY
16 FOR A YOUNG PERSON BEING LOCKED UP. AND THE PROBATION OFFICER
17 SEEMS LIKE IT'S EASIER FOR THEM TO PEPPER SPRAY WHEN THEY
18 COULD ACTUALLY JUST TALK TO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE BECAUSE, AT THE
19 END OF THE DAY, WE'RE JUST YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WERE MISGUIDED.
20 WE DON'T KNOW -- YES, WE MIGHT KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG, BUT
21 WE'RE MISGUIDED. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. LIKE MAYBE WE
22 HAVE LACK OF PARENT AT HOME OR SOMETHING ELSE. BUT IF YOU HAVE
23 THE CHANCE TO TALK TO US AND ACTUALLY GET TO THE ROOT OF THE
24 PROBLEM, WE CAN ACTUALLY BE BETTER PEOPLE, BECAUSE OF THE HELP
25 OF THE Y.J.C., I BECAME A BETTER PERSON. I'M IN COLLEGE. I'M

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1 WORKING. I'M PROVIDING BACK TO THE CITY. I'M HELPING OTHER
2 YOUNG PEOPLE. SO WE NEED TO HELP THEM OUT.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
5 PLEASE.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HELLO AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. IN MY EXPERIENCE,
8 I'VE BROKEN ABOUT 7 OR 8 BONES IN THREE YEARS' TIME BACK TO
9 BACK TO BACK. I'VE BEEN JUMPED, CUT, SPRAYED, AND TASED. ALL
10 OF THEM INHUMANE, BUT EASIEST ONE TO DEAL WITH, I'D HAVE TO
11 SAY, WAS BEING TASED. WHEN I WAS O.C. SPRAYED, I ALSO HAD TO
12 DEAL WITH ASTHMA AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER. I COULDN'T BREATHE.
13 I COULDN'T SEE. I COULDN'T MOVE. I WAS ON THE GROUND SCREAMING
14 AND GASPING FOR AIR. IN THAT SITUATION I WAS SPRAYED WAS A
15 MINOR STREET ALTERCATION WHERE ALL THREE OF US WERE SPRAYED,
16 EVEN THE ONE BYSTANDER THAT WAS THERE THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO
17 WITH THE ALTERCATION. AND THEN I'VE ALSO BEEN A PART OF
18 ALTERCATIONS WHERE I WAS ONE OF THE ONES BREAKING UP THE
19 ALTERCATION WHERE NOT ONE SPRAY WAS USED, TASER, OR ANYTHING
20 IN THAT MANNER. I USED A FULL NELSON, AND I PICKED SOMEBODY.
21 AND I MOVED THEM. PHYSICAL FORCE IS A LOT EASIER TO DEAL WITH,
22 ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU COULD GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL AND LET
23 THEM KNOW THAT YOUR INTENT IS NOT TO HURT THEM. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **HANS LIANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HANS LIANG. I SERVE AS
3 PRESIDENT FOR A.F.S.M.E. LOCAL 685 REPRESENTING OVER 3400
4 MEMBERS IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IT'S GOOD THAT WE'RE
5 HAVING THIS DISCUSSION TODAY. LOCAL 685 IS ALWAYS IN SUPPORT
6 OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS THAT ARE SAFER FOR BOTH THE JUVENILES
7 AND THE MINORS. BUT ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO STRESS THE FINDINGS
8 THAT CAME OUT IN THE O.I.G. REPORT FOCUSING ON THE
9 DEFICIENCIES IN TRAINING, STAFFING, AND POLICIES AND
10 PROCEDURES. WE'RE THE LARGEST PROBATION DEPARTMENT IN THE
11 NATION. AND REGARDLESS OF WHAT ALTERNATIVES ARE GOING TO BE
12 IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THIS PROCESS, IF YOU DON'T ADDRESS THOSE
13 ISSUES WITH STAFFING, TRAINING, AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES,
14 IT'S NOT GOING TO MATTER WHAT THE ALTERNATIVE IS IF YOU DON'T
15 ADDRESS THOSE PARTICULAR ISSUES. ARE YOU OKAY, SIR?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, THANK YOU.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** YOU KNOW, PEPPER SPRAY IS REALLY -- WE DON'T BELIEVE
20 IT'S THE ONLY TOOL ON OUR BELT, BUT AT THIS TIME, IT'S THE
21 ONLY TOOL. AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW, IN APRIL 4TH
22 OF 1994, WE LOST OUR FIRST GROUP SUPERVISOR, ARNOLD GARCIA,
23 WHO WAS BEATEN TO DEATH BY SOMEONE IN HIS CARE.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** SO WE, AS A UNION, DO NEVER WANT TO SEE THAT AGAIN.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. NEXT
6 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **LOUISE DODSON:** THANK YOU, LOUISE DODSON. THANK YOU FOR HAVING
9 ME. I WAS RECENTLY SEVERELY INJURED. AND I DID NOT HAVE THE
10 TOOL THAT COULD HAVE PREVENTED THE TRAUMA THAT I AM CURRENTLY
11 EXPERIENCING. THE PICTURE THAT IS BEING PAINTED, I HAVE NOT
12 BEEN A PART OF THAT INCORRECT PICTURE. AND THE DECISION MAY
13 LEAD TO A REACTIONARY DECISION THAT ALLOWS FOR AN UNSAFE
14 ENVIRONMENT FOR US ALL. I AM SURE YOU WANT EVERYONE TO BE SAFE
15 IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. TRUE COLLABORATION MEANS TALKING TO THE
16 STAFF ONLINE. TRUE COLLABORATION MEANS INCLUDING US SO THAT WE
17 CAN GIVE YOU THE EXPERIENCES. WE HAVE ALL NOT HAD BAD
18 EXPERIENCES. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WELL, DEFINITELY I SURE HELL KNOW WHAT TRAUMA'S
23 ALL ABOUT. I'VE WORKED IN THAT FIELD OF TRAUMA. I'VE SEEN
24 ABUSE AGAINST CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO ARE CONFINED. AND, YET,
25 MOST OF US WHO TAKE DRUGS, WHO HAVE ASTHMA, WHO SUFFER FROM

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1 C.O.P.D., WHAT THE [EXPLETIVE] IS GOING ON? WHAT IS GOING ON?
2 YOU CAN'T SPRAY PEOPLE NOT KNOWING THAT THEY HAVE A HEALTH
3 CONDITION. IT'S THE SAME AS APPROACHING SOMEBODY AND GETTING
4 YOUR SMELLY ASS BREATH IN THEIR FACE MAKING THEM SICK. IT'S
5 BAD MEDICINE. IT'S ALL BAD MEDICINE. THAT'S WHY THAT TYRANT
6 HERMAN JASON WESSON AND JUNIOR'S SON WANT TO TAKE OVER A CHAIR
7 IN HERE TO RUN THIS LIKE A RACKETEERING --

8

9 **ATTORNEY:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE UP
10 HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT.

11

12 **HERMAN HERMAN:** I'VE GOT EIGHT SECONDS. YOU GET TO UNDER THE
13 BROWN ACT.

14

15 **ATTORNEY:** NOT APPROPRIATE, SIR.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HOLD ON. I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE MORE SECONDS.
18 BUT IF YOU COULD JUST SPEAK TO THIS ITEM.

19

20 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO I'M IN OPPOSITION OF THE SPRAY. AND I HOPE
23 YOU PUSH IT QUICKLY AND IMMEDIATELY WITHIN A TIMELY MANNER.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **HUGO GONZALEZ:** SO MY NAME IS HUGO GONZALEZ. I'VE BEEN THROUGH
4 THE JUVENILE SYSTEM. I JUST GOT TO SAY IT SADDENS ME THAT
5 SOMEONE MAKES SUCH A COMMENT, AND THEN THE ROOM JUST APPLAUDS
6 IN SUCH A WAY. AND THAT THEY'RE TAKING CARE OF THE CHILDREN.
7 BUT ANYHOW, THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO SAY THIS. OR THERE IS NO
8 OTHER WAY WHAT THEY SAY SOMETIMES, AND PEOPLE APPLAUD. WHILE
9 CHILDREN ARE GASPING FOR AIR AND THE BURNING SENSATION MAKES
10 IT MORE DIFFICULT TO BREATHE, YOUNG EYES ARE SCORCHED BY HEAVY
11 CHEMICALS THAT SUBDUE VIOLENT ADULTS. AND OBVIOUSLY, IT'S
12 GOING TO SUBDUE CHILDREN, AS WELL. AND WHY NOT? THERE'S NO
13 OTHER WAY IS WHAT THEY SAY. KIDS ARE BLINDED AS MUCOUS OOZES
14 THROUGH THEIR YOUNG NOSES, AND THEY'RE THROWN INTO A SHOWER TO
15 DECONTAMINATE, BUT INSTEAD THE WATER SPREADS THE TORTUROUS AND
16 INHUMANE BURNING ALL THROUGHOUT THE CHILD'S BODY. I AM
17 FRIGHTENED FOR THE TROUBLED YOUTH WHO AIMLESSLY ARE TRYING TO
18 FIND A WAY. AND THOSE WHO ARE IN CHARGE OF THE SAFETY OF THESE
19 CHILDREN SAY THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO JUSTIFY THEIR CHILD
20 ABUSE. PLEASE STOP THIS CHILD ABUSE BECAUSE THERE HAS TO BE
21 ANOTHER WAY. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. I'M GOING TO FOLLOW UP. IT'S
2 CHILD ABUSE. DO YOU PEOPLE, MARY THE WICKED WICKHAM, YOU DON'T
3 UNDERSTAND NO DAMN LAW AT ALL, DO YOU BECAUSE THAT'S WHY
4 YOU'RE IN A FEDERAL INJUNCTION AND GOING AWAY ALONG WITH MR.
5 RICARDO GARCIA BECAUSE HE ALSO DOESN'T FOLLOW THE LAW. SEE
6 THESE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING HERE, THE FOUR OF THEM? THEY'RE
7 SERIAL LAW BREAKERS. THEY'RE ALLOWING EVERY MISDEMEANOR IN
8 THIS TOWN TO BE PROSECUTED BY THE D.A.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** MAKE SURE YOU SPEAK TO THIS ITEM.

11

12 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** I AM. YOU DON'T SPEAK TO THE ITEM. NOW, I
13 SUGGEST THAT YOU LISTEN TO MR. MAIZLISH WHO COMES UP HERE.
14 HE'S A 77-YEAR-OLD CONFLICT GUY. IN 2002, HE WROTE THIS
15 ARTICLE ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION, KNEW ABOUT THAT STUFF IN
16 SCHOOLS. WELL, MAYBE YOU FOOLS OUGHT TO PAY ATTENTION TO HOW
17 YOU DEAL WITH PEOPLE BECAUSE YOU GOT THE TRASH, DR. SHERIN,
18 WHO'S A SOCIOPATH, WITH WHAT HE'S DONE TO ME, SEE. UNDER 18 IS
19 CHILD ABUSE. OVER 65 IS ELDER ABUSE. AND YOU PEOPLE ARE SERIAL
20 ABUSERS OF ALL. AND YOU FOOLS DON'T USE THE LAW AS YOU'RE
21 SUPPOSED TO FOR EVIDENCE.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

25 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** SHUT OFF YOUR PEPPER SPRAY IN ONE WEEK.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **SPEAKER:** SOME OF THE CHARGES THAT THE YOUTH, I WORKED IN
5 JUVENILE HALL FOR 16 YEARS. I WORKED WITHOUT PEPPER SPRAY FOR
6 16 YEARS. I WORKED WITHOUT A UNIFORM FOR 16 YEARS. I WORKED IN
7 M AND N. K.L. THESE ARE THE CHARGES THESE KIDS CAM IN, MURDER,
8 ATTEMPTED MURDER, RAPE, HOME INVASION, ROBBERY, MAYHEM,
9 SODOMY. THERE ARE FOUR PLACES WHERE ALL MEMBERS OF ALL THE
10 GANGS IN L.A. COUNTY COME FROM. THEY ARE THE STATE AND FEDERAL
11 PRISON. THEY ARE IN JUVENILE HALL. AND THEY'RE IN OUR COUNTY
12 JAILS. SAFETY, IF IT'S NOT SAFE FOR THE STAFF, IF THE KIDS ARE
13 THREATENING THE STAFF, THEN WE NEED TO ADDRESS THAT. HOW CAN
14 YOU DO THINGS THAT ARE ILLEGALLY ON THE STREETS, BUT YOU LET
15 THEM GET AWAY INSIDE THE HALLS? THAT PERPETUATES VIOLENCE. SO
16 WHEN I SAY THAT, THE FIRST THING OF IT IS IS THAT ALSO PEOPLE
17 MAKE POLICIES THAT THEY CANNOT EVEN DO. I HEAR THE
18 PSYCHOLOGISTS I HEAR ALL THESE OTHER PEOPLE SAYING THIS, THIS,
19 AND THIS, THEY COULDN'T HOLD THE JOB FOR A WEEK. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER -- OH, WAIT. WE HAVE
22 A FEW MORE SPEAKERS TO CALL UP BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

23

24 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
25 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR

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1 NAME. MARKIEL MCNABB, MARVA LINDSEY, MARVETTA JOHNSON. MEGAN
2 STANTON. MICHAEL SAAVEDRA, MIGUEL LUGO. MILINDA KAKANI, NICOLE
3 BROWN, PAUL CARILLO, REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE, RICARDO
4 GARCIA, SONIA ALDAZ, AND THOMAS HOLLAND. PLEASE COME FORWARD
5 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **IAN KVSEL:** HONORABLE CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS IAN
10 KVSEL. I'M AN ATTORNEY AT THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
11 WHICH HAS MORE THAN 70,000 MEMBERS IN L.A. COUNTY. I'M ALSO AN
12 AUTHOR OF A LETTER TO THE BOARD FOR MORE THAN A DOZEN
13 ORGANIZATIONS. WE SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS. FIRST, L.A. MUST BE A
14 LEADER AND AHEAD OF STATES THAT HAVE ALREADY BANNED CHEMICAL
15 AGENTS. SECOND, O.C. SPRAY IS INCONSISTENT WITH BEST PRACTICES
16 FOR TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE. THIRD, THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES WHICH
17 MAY ALLOW STAFF TO IMPLEMENT A BAN QUICKLY AND TO BE RETRAINED
18 ON ALTERNATIVES. WE KNOW THIS IS NOT EASY. FOURTH, THIS
19 REQUIRES BOARD ACTION. JUST ONE EXAMPLE THAT'S ALREADY COME UP
20 TODAY, 15 YEARS AGO, THE U.S. D.O.J. DETERMINED THAT RAMPANT
21 USE OF O.C. SPRAY WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
22 YET EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE O.I.G. DETERMINED THE USE OF O.C.
23 SPRAY OFTEN VIOLATED THE DEPARTMENT'S OWN POLICIES. FINALLY,
24 WE URGE THIS BOARD WHEN ADOPTING THESE MOTIONS TO DEMAND AND
25 MAKE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA ON ALL USES OF FORCE AND

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1 ALSO TO URGE THAT THE DEPARTMENT BAN PLAN ADDRESS ALL CHEMICAL
2 AGENTS, NOT JUST O.C. SPRAY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **JOE MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIR HAHN AND SUPERVISORS. MY
7 NAME'S JOE MAIZLISH, A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST. AND
8 ABOUT 17 YEARS AGO, FOR A YEAR, I WAS A SUBCONTRACTOR FOR THE
9 PROBATION DEPARTMENT LEADING GROUPS FOR ADOLESCENTS ON
10 PROBATION AND TRAINING INTERNS IN LEADING THOSE GROUPS. ALSO
11 WROTE THAT ARTICLE THAT MR. BUZZETTI REFERRED TO ABOUT A HIGH
12 SCHOOL PROGRAM, AND I'LL PASS YOU A PAGE WITH SOME LINKS TO
13 THAT. REMEMBER THE TESTIMONY A COUPLE WEEKS AGO OF THE PUBLIC
14 DEFENDER ABOUT HOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF RAPPORT AS BEING A
15 CRITICAL FACTOR. YOU'VE HEARD ALSO STATEMENTS THAT SOME OF THE
16 YOUTHS ARE DIFFICULT TO DEVELOP RAPPORT WITH. OKAY. BUT THIS
17 NEEDS A LOT OF WORK. YOU HEARD SOME APPLAUSE FROM SOME, A FEW,
18 NOT MANY, OF THE PROBATION STAFF WHEN THERE WAS THE FOUL
19 MOUTHED ACCUSATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF THE YOUTH. THERE'S A
20 LOT MORE -- I WANT TO ENRICH THE CONCEPT OF TRAINING. IT'S GOT
21 TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY LIKE WEEKLY MEETINGS, SUPPORT MEETINGS,
22 FOR THE STAFF. MANY OF THEM HAVE VERY DIFFICULT THINGS THEY'RE
23 CONFRONTING.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **JOE MAIZLISH:** AND ONLY THEN WILL IT STICK. NO ONE SESSION, I
3 MEAN EVERY WEEK FOR A LONG TIME.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. KIM MCGILL IF THE
8 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION IS FULLY
9 IN SUPPORT OF TODAY'S MOTIONS AND URGES YOU TO ENACT AN
10 ORDINANCE BANNING USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS INCLUDING PEPPER
11 SPRAY, O.C. SPRAY, IN YOUTH DETENTION AND INCARCERATION
12 FACILITIES IN L.A. COUNTY. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS FAILED
13 TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE USE OF PEPPER FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS
14 SINCE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FIRST EXPOSED THAT THE
15 DEPARTMENT WAS OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH REGARDS TO O.C. SPRAY
16 AND OTHER USES OF FORCE. NOW, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL HAS FOUND
17 THAT O.C. SPRAY IS UP DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE NUMBER OF
18 YOUNG PEOPLE IN JUVENILE HALLS AND PROBATION CAMPS HAS
19 DECREASED BETWEEN 50 TO 80 PERCENT SINCE 2007. AND THE CHARGES
20 FOR WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE ARE DETAINED ARE ALSO LESS SUBSTANTIAL
21 THAN THEY WERE 10 YEARS AGO. PROBATION STAFF ARE CONCERNED
22 THAT TRAINING AND SUPERVISION ARE LACKING. BUT THE BUDGET OF
23 PROBATION HAS ALSO INCREASED BY NEARLY \$500 MILLION SINCE
24 2007. AND 75 PERCENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET GOES TO THE
25 YOUTH COMPONENT OF THE DEPARTMENT. BY 2016, THE COST OF

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1 DETENTION IN JUVENILE HALL FOR ONE YOUTH OVER ONE YEAR HAD
2 INCREASED TO MORE THAN 280,000 A YEAR, AND FOR ONE YOUTH IN A
3 PROBATION CAMP TO OVER 250,000 A YEAR.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KIM.

6

7 **KIM MCGILL:** TO TRULY RE-IMAGINE THE DEPARTMENT, WE SHOULD MOVE
8 YOUNG PEOPLE OUT OF PROBATION INTO A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
9 DEPARTMENT, AS OTHER STATES AND NATIONS HAVE.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE]
12 CAN I REMIND THE AUDIENCE IF YOU AGREE WITH SOMEONE, JUST
13 RAISE YOUR HANDS. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **GLORIA GONZALEZ:** MY NAME IS GLORIA GONZALEZ. I'M WITH THE
16 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH WHO
17 HAVE BEEN SPRAYED BY THE TOXIC O.C. SPRAY. YOU NEED TO LOOK AT
18 MORE DEESCALATION TACTICS AND ALTERNATIVES THAT DO PROPERLY
19 SERVE YOUTH NOT FURTHER TRAUMATIZE YOUTH THAT ARE ALREADY
20 GOING THROUGH TRAUMATIZING SITUATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTS. IN
21 2015 THROUGH 2017, THE USE OF FORCE INVOLVING O.C. SPRAY IN
22 JUVENILE HALLS INCREASED BY 192 PERCENT. AND I DO ALSO URGE
23 YOU TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE THAT CAME HERE AND EXPRESSED THEIR
24 CONCERN AND ALSO SAID THEIR OWN PERSONAL TESTIMONIES FROM
25 THEIR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND HOW TRAUMATIZING AND HOW

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1 THEY COULD NOT BREATHE AND HOW IT IRRITATED AND BURNED THEIR
2 SKIN. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE WORKING IN THE
3 JUVENILE IN HALLS WANT TO USE PEPPER SPRAY, BUT THAT DOESN'T
4 MEAN THAT THAT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO. YOU NEED TO LOOK AT
5 OTHER METHODS THAT ARE WORKING AND NOT NECESSARILY ALWAYS VIEW
6 YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE, AS MONSTERS
7 OR AS WICKED PEOPLE. THEY'RE JUST YOUTH, AND THEY'RE JUST
8 YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE KIDS.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **THOMAS HOLLAND:** MY NAME'S THOMAS HOLLAND. I'M A D.S.O. AT
13 BARRY J. I'M ONE OF THE STAFF. I'M ALSO A FORMER WARD. FROM
14 '97 TO '99, I WAS IN CAMP AS WELL AS THE C.Y.A. FROM '99 TO
15 '01. NOW, I CAN TELL YOU THIS, PEPPER SPRAY IS ON THE RISE IT
16 IS BECAUSE WE'VE LOST OUR SHOE. WE'VE LOST OUR TOOL. STAFF
17 ASSAULTS ARE ON THE RISE. ELDERLY STAFF WAS JUST ASSAULTED
18 LAST WEEK AT SYLMAR JUVENILE HALL IN THE COMPOUND. THERE'S NO
19 CONSEQUENCES FOR ASSAULTING STAFF AT ALL. I'VE PERSONALLY BEEN
20 ASSAULTED AND WATCHED THAT NOTHING HAPPENED TO THE MINOR.
21 STAFF ARE QUITTING IN RECORD NUMBERS. NEW HIRES LAST ONLY A
22 FEW MONTHS. IT'S NOT TRAINING. WE'RE TRAINING THEM THE BEST WE
23 CAN. I WAS A TRAINER. NONE OF MY RECRUITS HAVE QUIT. BUT THE
24 REASON THAT THEY'RE QUITTING IS BECAUSE NOTHING'S WORKING.
25 WE'RE OVERWHELMED. WE'RE WORKING SHORT. INMATES BELIEVE THAT

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1 THEY'RE VICTIMS. ARE YOU KIDDING ME? WHAT ABOUT THEIR VICTIMS?
2 I'VE BEEN A CRIME VICTIM. I WAS A WARD. THE BEST PRACTICE IS
3 BRING BACK REGIMENTATION. REGIMENTATION WORKED FOR ME WHEN I
4 WAS IN CAMP CHALLENGER. D.M.H.,, ALL THEY DO IS BRIBE AND
5 PLACATE THE MINORS. GIVE ME A BREAK. WE NEED HELP. AND PEPPER
6 SPRAY NEEDS TO STAY.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** ALL RIGHT. SO THAT WAS KIND OF
11 SHOCKING. PEPPER SPRAY DOES NOT REPLACE LOVE, AND IT DOES NOT
12 REPLACE --

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** JUST A MINUTE. JUST A MINUTE. WE'RE TRYING
15 TO GIVE RESPECT TO EVERYONE WHO IS SPEAKING. SO PLEASE, IF
16 YOU'RE IN THE AUDIENCE, REFRAIN FROM CLAPPING. AND PLEASE
17 REFRAIN FROM TALKING. WE REALLY WANT TO RESPECT THOSE WHO ARE
18 HERE TO SPEAK.

19

20 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** CAN I GET A RESET?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES. DR. MELLO DESIRE.

23

24 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** I THINK THAT GUY NEEDS A HUG. SO WHEN
25 WE LOOK AT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THE RESOLUTIONS THAT

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1 YOU HAVE TO REMOVE PEPPER SPRAY, YOU HAVE INSTANCES STATING
2 YOU WANT TO INCLUDE QUANTIFIABLE METRICS AND MEASURE TRENDS,
3 DEMOGRAPHIC DATA AND ASSESS TO ANY DIS-PROPORTIONALITIES --
4 GEEZ, I CAN'T EVEN PRONOUNCE HALF OF THESE WORDS. THIS IS
5 HIEROGLYPHICS. WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT IF YOU WANT TO REMOVE
6 PEPPER SPRAY FROM THE JUVENILE SYSTEM, YOU CAN DO THAT. JUST
7 LIKE YOU WANT TO CUT OFF SOMEONE'S FOOD STAMPS, YOU DON'T GIVE
8 THEM FAIR WARNING. WE JUST DO IT AND CHAOS THE NEXT DAY. IT
9 DOESN'T TAKE A LOT FOR YOU TO FIGURE OUT CERTAIN DANGERS
10 DOESN'T REQUIRE YOU TO SIT DOWN AND NEGOTIATE AND FIGURE OUT
11 THE METRICS AND ALL THIS GARBAGE. JUST REMOVE IT. JUST REMOVE
12 IT BECAUSE THESE KIDS HAD A BAD RAP FROM THE BEGINNING. MOST
13 OF THEM ARE IN THERE BECAUSE THEY'RE POOR, BECAUSE THEY'RE
14 FROM FAMILIES THAT ARE UNDESIRABLE. SO IT'S A BIGGER AGENDA.
15 SO IF WE REALLY WANT TO REMOVE THE PEPPER SPRAY, PLEASE GET
16 MISS SHEILA OFF OF HYPNOSIS FIRST OFF.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

19

20 **MARIA HOLLAND:** MY NAME'S MARIA HOLLAND. I'M A STAFF AT THE
21 JUVENILE HALL. I JUST WANT TO SAY PICTURE ME, A STAFF, WITH 15
22 MINORS, UP TO 20 MINORS IN ONE ROOM. WHAT IF THEY START
23 FIGHTING? WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? CAN YOU AT LEAST, CAN YOU
24 AT LEAST, LIKE SHE WAS SAYING, DON'T GIVE A WARNING, BUT, YES,
25 WE NEED THAT AT LEAST IMPLEMENTATION OF MORE STAFF BEFORE YOU

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1 TAKE THE SPRAY OFF, MORE STAFF AND MORE TRAINING BEFORE YOU DO
2 THAT. WE'RE JUST GOING TO BE GETTING ATTACKED. IT'S JUST YOU
3 CAN'T.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT
6 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **KATIE HOLLAND:** HI. I'M KATIE HOLLAND. MY DAD AND MY STEPMOTHER
9 ARE BOTH OFFICERS AT SYLMAR JUVENILE HALL. I LOVE THEM BOTH.
10 AND I WANT THEM TO COME HOME SAFE. IF YOU DO REMOVE THESE --
11 IF YOU DO REMOVE THE O.C. SPRAY, THEN WHAT IF THEY ARE
12 WATCHING THESE MINORS. AND THE MINORS FIGHT. AND WHAT IF
13 SOMETHING GOES FLYING BECAUSE THE MINORS ARE FIGHTING, AND
14 THEY CANNOT STOP THEM BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO STOP
15 THEM WITH. WHAT IF THEY GET HURT, AND THEN SUDDENLY I GET NEWS
16 THAT MY PARENTS HAVE BEEN HURT? O.C. SPRAY -- I BELIEVE THAT
17 THE LOSS OF THE O.C. SPRAY IS HARMFUL TO STAFF AND THEIR
18 SAFETY. I HEAR THEM TALK ALL THE TIME ABOUT HOW UNSAFE THE
19 FACILITIES ARE, HOW SHORT STAFFED THEY ARE. AND AS A TEENAGER,
20 I SEE AT SCHOOL HOW VIOLENT THESE MINORS ARE. I SEE FELLOW
21 STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP. THIS IS A BAD TO REMOVE
22 THIS. I'VE SEEN HOW VIOLENT PEOPLE CAN GET AND HOW DANGEROUS
23 IT WOULD BE TO REMOVE THE O.C. SPRAY.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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2 **MIGUEL LUGO:** MY NAME IS MIGUEL LUGO. I WORK AT HOME BOY
3 INDUSTRIES. I FIRST WANT TO START OFF THIS IS CHILD ABUSE.
4 IT'S CHILD ABUSE. IT'S CHILD ABUSE. LET'S CALL IT FOR WHAT IT
5 IS. I WORK IN A PLACE WHERE I HAVE EVERY SINGLE GANG MEMBER
6 FROM L.A. COME THROUGH THOSE DOORS. AND I'M HEAD OF SECURITY
7 THERE. AND I DON'T HAVE TO USE PEPPER SPRAY. AND I DON'T HAVE
8 TO USE NONE OF THAT. AND JUST PICTURE YOURSELF GETTING SPRAYED
9 LIKE I DID WHEN THEY TRY TO WASH IT OFF OF YOU AND IT RUNS
10 THROUGH YOUR PRIVATE PARTS. THAT'S TORTURE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT
11 YOU GUYS ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE. PEOPLE THAT DON'T UNDERSTAND
12 THAT. THAT'S TORTURE. I WAS JUST A KID. AND EVEN AS AN ADULT
13 WHEN I GOT SPRAYED, WHEN I COMMITTED MORE MISTAKES, I HAVE TO
14 ADMIT MISTAKES WERE MADE. BUT NOW I'M REFORMED, AND I'M
15 CHANGING MY LIFE. BUT THE WHOLE THING IS THIS, WHO ARE WE
16 SPRAYING KIDS? COME ON. COME ON. THIS IS CHILD ABUSE. WOULD
17 YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR KIDS SPRAYED IN A DAYCARE? WOULD YOU
18 LIKE TO HAVE YOUR KIDS SPRAYED IN A DAYCARE? OR YOUR
19 GRANDKIDS. COME ON. THIS IS LIKE NONSENSE. WE NEED TO CHANGE
20 THIS. THIS IS L.A. THIS IS US. THIS A NEW BEGINNING. THAT'S
21 WHAT WE NEED IS A NEW BEGINNING IN L.A. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **MARVETTA JOHNSON:** MARVETTA JOHNSON, D.S.O., CURRENTLY AT LAS
2 PADRINA JUVENILE HALL AND A.S.F.M.E. LOCAL 685 UNION STEWARD.
3 I'M CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE HALLS WORKING WITH SOME OF THE
4 MOST DIFFICULT FEMALE MINORS EXPERIENCING AN INCREASE IN YOUTH
5 ON YOUTH VIOLENCE AND ASSAULTS ON STAFF. THE LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY DEPARTMENT HAS FAILED TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS TITLE 15
7 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR JUVENILE FACILITIES SECTION 1301 THAT
8 STATES TO PROVIDE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS THAT MEET AND
9 EXCEED, AND I EMPHASIZE THE WORD EXCEED, THOSE STANDARD
10 REQUIREMENTS. IN ADDITION SECTION 1321 STAFFING STATES THAT
11 DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE ADEQUATE NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL STAFF TO
12 PROVIDE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF YOUTH AND STAFF. AND I
13 EMPHASIZE THE WORD STAFF. I AM ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
14 TO CONSIDER, BEFORE MAKING A DECISION, WHAT WILL BE THE
15 OVERALL IMPACT ON THE SAFETY NOT ONLY OF THE MINORS BUT THE
16 STAFF INVOLVED. WITHOUT ADEQUATE STAFFING, IT IS ALMOST
17 IMPOSSIBLE TO RESTORE AND GAIN CONTROL WITHOUT COMPROMISING
18 NOT ONLY THE SAFETY OF THE YOUTH BUT THE SAFETY OF THE STAFF.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **MARVETTA JOHNSON:** PLEASE PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE STAFF.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **MILINDA KAKANI:** HI MY NAME IS MILINDA KAKANI. I'M AN ATTORNEY
2 WITH THE TRANSITION AGE YOUTH PRACTICE AT PUBLIC COUNSEL. IT
3 IS PUBLIC COUNSEL'S UNEQUIVOCAL STANCE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
4 IMMEDIATELY BAN THE PRACTICE OF USING O.C. SPRAY IN JUVENILE
5 DETENTION CENTERS IN THE WAKE OF THE O.I.G.'S REPORT ON ITS
6 INHUMANE AND PROLIFIC USE IN COUNTY FACILITIES. AS THE REPORT
7 DOCUMENTS AND COUNTLESS YOUTH EXPERIENCES REVEAL, O.C. SPRAY
8 TRAUMATIZES THOSE EXPOSED TO IT, CAUSING TEMPORARY BLINDNESS,
9 INTENSE PAIN, BREATHING PROBLEMS, AND PANIC, ESPECIALLY WHEN
10 USED AGAINST CHILDREN. THERE HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED CASES OF IT
11 LEADING TO PERMANENT DAMAGE OR DEATH IN CASES WHERE IT IS
12 MISUSED. LARGE URBAN AREAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, BE IT MEMPHIS,
13 BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, AND THE BRONX ALSO BAN THE PROCESS,
14 OPTING FOR CRISIS DIFFUSION POLICIES THAT HELP OFFICERS
15 RECOGNIZE AND PROACTIVELY DEAL WITH ONCOMING CRISES BEFORE
16 THEY ESCALATE. IF JURISDICTIONS WORLDWIDE, NOT JUST
17 NATIONWIDE, CAN KEEP PEACE IN DETENTION CENTERS WITHOUT
18 CAUSTIC CHEMICAL AGENTS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN, AS WELL,
19 ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PROBATION HAS AT ITS
20 DISPOSAL.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
23 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **PAUL CARILLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS PAUL CARILLO WITH
2 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CROSSROADS AND ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER
3 INJURY PREVENTION TRAUMA DEPARTMENT SERVING PARTS OF DISTRICTS
4 1, 2, AND 3. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. WITH RESPECT
5 TO THE INDIVIDUALS THAT REPRESENT PROBATION, OBVIOUSLY WE
6 STILL HAVE SOME EXISTING ISSUES. BUT COMPARED TO THE WAY THE
7 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM WAS 20 YEARS AGO HERE IN OUR
8 COMMUNITY, WE'VE COME A LONG WAY. AND I THINK THIS IS THE NEXT
9 STEP IN FURTHERING THAT SYSTEMS CHANGE. I JUST THINK IT'S A
10 TRAVESTY THAT WE'RE JUST ONE OF 15 STATES THAT STILL CONTINUES
11 TO USE THIS OPTION ON MINORS. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

15

16 **MARVA LINDSEY:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MARVA LINSEY. I AM A
17 DETENTION SERVICE OFFICER AT BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL.
18 AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR PROVIDING THIS PLATFORM
19 FOR US TO VOICE OUR OPINION. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE
20 MINORS THAT WE DEAL WITH ON A DAILY BASIS ARE NOT YOUR MINORS
21 WITH THE 4.80 GRADE POINT AVERAGE NOR ARE THEY PART OF THE
22 ACADEMIC DECATHLON. WE DEAL WITH GANG MEMBERS, DRUG-ADDICTED
23 YOUTH, DEFIANT AND ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR YOUTH. AND SOME OF THESE
24 YOUTH ARE AT THE AGE OF MAJORITY. AND THIS MOTION TO PHASE OUT
25 CHEMICAL RESTRAINTS FROM SAFE CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL IS

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1 DETRIMENTAL TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY IN ALL THE LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY PROBATION CAMPS AND JUVENILE HALLS. THOSE OF YOU WHO
3 OPPOSE THIS MOTION DO NOT DEAL WITH THESE MINORS ON A DAY-TO-
4 DAY BASIS. THESE MINORS THAT WE DEAL WITH HAVE EXTREME MOOD
5 SWINGS.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE. IF YOU WANT TO GIVE US THE REST OF YOUR
9 WRITTEN COMMENTS, WE WILL READ THEM.

10

11 **MARVA LINDSEY:** YES, BECAUSE I HAVE SO MUCH MORE TO SAY.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, PLEASE. WE'LL TAKE THEM AND READ
14 THEM. OKAY. GO AHEAD.

15

16 **NICOLE BROWN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S NICOLE BROWN WITH THE
17 URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE. AND WE ARE ALSO A PROUD ORGANIZATION,
18 PROUD MEMBERS OF THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING COALITION. I'D LIKE
19 TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS
20 MOTION TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF O.C. SPRAY. AND WE ARE IN
21 SUPPORT OF THAT. AND WE ALSO URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO PROMOTE
22 TRANSPARENCY BY MAKING COMPREHENSIVE USE OF FORCE DATA PUBLIC.
23 THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE USE OF PEPPER IS TROUBLING AND
24 ALARMING, ESPECIALLY AS L.A. COUNTY'S CAMPS AND HALLS HAVE
25 RECORD LOW NUMBERS OF YOUTH IN CUSTODY, WHICH SHOULD MEAN

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1 HIGHER STAFF TO YOUTH RATIOS. O.C. SPRAY IS A WEAPON, AND ITS
2 USE SHOULD BE BANNED FROM ALL FACILITIES. MANY OF THE YOUTH IN
3 CUSTODY ALREADY SURVIVED GREAT TRAUMA. AND THE USE OF PEPPER
4 SPRAY ONLY CREATES NEW TRAUMA RATHER THAN PROVIDING YOUTH THE
5 EMOTIONAL SUPPORT THEY NEED TO BE HEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL IN
6 THEIR FUTURE. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND CHIEFS MCDONALD AND
7 MITCHELL HAVE ALREADY TAKEN LARGE STRIDES TOWARDS REFORMING
8 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT SO IT CAN BECOME A MODEL FOR THE REST
9 OF THE COUNTRY LIKE WE'VE SEEN WITH THE PRIT, THE ELIMINATION
10 OF W.I.C. 236, ETC. SO PLEASE CONTINUE THAT. THANK YOU VERY
11 MUCH.

12
13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

14
15 **MICHAEL SAAVEDRA:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL SAAVEDRA. AND I AM
16 FORMERLY INCARCERATED. HOWEVER, I HAVE MAINTAINED A JOB FOR
17 OVER TWO YEARS NOW. AND I WORK WITHIN THE JUVENILE FACILITIES
18 FOR OUTREACH FOR MY COLLEGE. AND I'M ALSO A 4.0 PATHWAY TO LAW
19 STUDENT.

20
21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOW.

22
23 **MICHAEL SAAVEDRA:** HOWEVER, THE EFFECTS OF BEING INCARCERATED
24 AND BEING IN LONG-TERM SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AND PEPPER SPRAYED
25 ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS STILL CAUSES TRAUMA TO ME. AND IT IS

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1 TORTURE. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN SPRAYED
2 WITH THIS STUFF, BUT IT IS VERY, VERY TORTUROUS. AND MOST OF
3 THE TIME, WHEN YOU'RE LOCKED IN A CELL, YOU DON'T HAVE ACCESS
4 TO MILK AND THOSE TYPE OF THINGS THAT DECONTAMINATE OR
5 DEESCALATE THE BURNING SENSATION. SO I ASK YOU TO PLEASE
6 CONSIDER THIS AND PLEASE CHANGE THE LAW AND DO NOT ALLOW
7 PEPPER SPRAY IN JUVENILE FACILITIES. THESE ARE KIDS. THANK YOU
8 FOR YOUR TIME.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. BEFORE THE
11 NEXT SPEAKER, WE'RE GOING TO INVITE UP A FEW MORE PEOPLE.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD BRIAN
14 CHRISTIAN, NICOLE PARSON, KENNETH BATISTE, ERIC WALTON, STACY
15 FORD, JONATHAN BYRD, RED CHIEF HUNT, MEGHAN BEST, DAVID
16 LARSON, AND NORM JOHNSON PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
17 ASSIST YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. GO AHEAD.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I AM HERE BECAUSE, AS A PROBATION
22 OFFICER, OUR MISSION, AS A PROBATION OFFICER, IS TO REBUILD
23 LIVES. AND I FEEL THAT WE HAVE DIVERTED. WE HAVE NO LONGER --
24 WE ARE NO LONGER REHABILITATING YOUTH. WE ARE HOUSING THEM. WE
25 LACK THE TOOLS TO TEACH THE YOUTH IN OUR CUSTODY HABITS THAT

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1 WILL LEAD THEM TO BE SUCCESSFUL ONCE THEY TRANSITION INTO
2 THEIR COMMUNITY. MORE AND MORE YOUTH ARE REFUSING SIMPLE
3 INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN, AND THERE IS NO FORM OF ACCOUNTABILITY.
4 THE FEW TIMES I HAVE USED PEPPER SPRAY TO CONTAIN A VIOLENT
5 SITUATION, I HAVE CONTAMINATED MYSELF. AND IT IS THE LAST TOOL
6 THAT WE USE TO CONTAIN A VIOLENT CRISIS SITUATION. IT IS VERY
7 PAINFUL. AND I HAVE HAD TO WAIT AN HOUR TO DECONTAMINATE
8 MYSELF. IF OUR PEPPER SPRAY IS WITHHELD MORE VIOLENT INCIDENTS
9 WILL THE RISE FOR BOTH YOUTH AND PROBATION STAFF. AND SOMEONE
10 WILL BECOME SERIOUSLY HURT. WE, AS PROBATION STAFF, BUILD A
11 RAPPORT WITH OUR YOUTH IN THE DORM. MENTAL HEALTH DOES NOT. IN
12 A CRISIS SITUATION, A LOT OF OUR YOUTH ARE ASKING FOR THEIR
13 FAVORITE STAFF AND NOT MENTAL HEALTH. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **RICARDO GARCIA:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S RICARDO GARCIA.
18 I'VE BEEN A DETENTION SERVICE OFFICER FOR A LITTLE BIT OVER 10
19 YEARS. OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS, THE LAST THREE, I'VE NOTICED AN
20 INCREASE IN VIOLENCE. AND IN FACT, I'VE BEEN ASSAULTED SIX
21 TIMES WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS. FOUR OF THOSE ASSAULTS HAVE
22 BEEN THE LAST FOUR MONTHS. AND IN FACT, TWO WEEKS AGO, I
23 ACTUALLY GOT BIT IN THE EAR BY ONE OF OUR YOUTHS. ALTHOUGH
24 PAINFUL, PEPPER SPRAY WORKS. I MEAN, WE ARE OPEN TO CHANGE
25 BECAUSE, I MEAN, WE'RE PROGRESSIVE. BUT WE NEED TOOLS AND

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1 TOOLS THAT WORK. AND UNTIL WE GET THESE TOOLS, PEPPER SPRAY
2 NEEDS TO STAY. THAT'S PRETTY MUCH ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK
3 YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **JONATHAN BYRD:** MY NAME IS JONATHAN BYRD. I'M THE CHIEF STEWARD
8 FOR LOCAL 685 WHICH REPRESENTS THE RANK AND FILE. I'M ALSO A
9 26-YEAR VETERAN WORKING WITH JUVENILE THIS IN THE FACILITY AT
10 CHALLENGER. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
11 REFER TO A PROBATION SERVICE TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT JUNE
12 2003. YOU MAY HAVE YOUR JUSTICE DEPUTIES READ IT. IT'S 540
13 PAGES -- 549 PAGES LONG. IT'S HISTORICAL BUT CURRENT. IT TALKS
14 ABOUT ALL THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NOW. AND IT
15 BRINGS US UP TO THE CURRENT LEVEL WITHOUT HAVING TO DO FURTHER
16 RESEARCH. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, THOUGH, THAT IN 1994, WE HAD
17 THE FIRST PROBATION OFFICER KILLED IN THIS DEPARTMENT. BASED
18 ON THAT FACT ALONE, PEPPER SPRAY WAS INSTITUTED IN THE
19 FACILITIES, NOT BY THE RANK AND FILE, BUT BY THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS. IN 2011, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTED TO AN
21 ORDINANCE THAT SAYS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WOULD HAVE DIRECT
22 SUPERVISION OVER PROBATION OFFICERS. WHY? BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T
23 FEEL THAT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE HEADING THE DEPARTMENT WERE
24 SUFFICIENT.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **JONATHAN BYRD:** SO I FEEL THAT SAME WAY TODAY. WE NEED TO HAVE
4 FURTHER CONVERSATION ON OVERSIGHT FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **BRIAN CHRISTIAN:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. BRIAN
9 CHRISTIAN, PRESIDENT -- EIGHTH YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION. I WANT TO FIRST AND
11 FOREMOST EXPRESS TO YOU OUR GRATITUDE FOR ITEM 7. THANK YOU
12 FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD. SAFETY IS MORE THAN JUST IMPORTANT TO
13 A PERSON WHO GOES TO WORK EVERY DAY AND RISKS IT. BUT IT IS
14 THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT TO BEING ABLE TO LEARN. WE CANNOT TEACH
15 KIDS WHO ARE NOT SAFE. AND WE HAVE TO GET THERE. SO I GREATLY
16 APPRECIATE THIS. AND WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO ALSO ADD THAT WE
17 SHOULD NEVER USE THE SPRAY, BUT WE SHOULD NEVER GET RID OF IT.
18 I'VE HEARD KIDS SAY I'M OUT OF CONTROL. I'M THIS. I'M THAT. I
19 CAN DO ALL THESE THINGS. AND THEY CAN'T STOP ME. BUT WHEN I
20 HEAR THAT O.C. SPRAY WARNING, I'M DONE. AND YOU WILL HEAR FROM
21 TEACHERS WHEN YOU DO THIS INVESTIGATION WHO WILL SAY THE SAME
22 THING. THEY'RE GOING TO TELL YOU THAT I NEED TO BE SAFE. AND
23 IF THE PEPPER SPRAY'S NECESSARY, KEEP ME SAFE. IT'S THE WRONG
24 MORAL DECISION.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **BRIAN CHRISTIAN:** IT'S AN EASY DECISION TO GO THERE. WE DON'T
4 NEED IT.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **MEGHAN BEST:** HELLO. I'M MEGHAN BEST. I'M A POLICY ASSOCIATE
9 AND ASSOCIATE STAFF ATTORNEY AT THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND
10 CALIFORNIA. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE L.A. YOUTH UPRISING
11 COALITION. MOST OF MY COMMENTS ARE BASED ON A LETTER WE
12 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD. MOST YOUNG PEOPLE CAUGHT IN THE
13 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE EXPERIENCED
14 TRAUMA WELL BEFORE THEY WERE DETAINED. YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN
15 SUBJECTED TO CHEM SPRAY IN L.A. CONSISTENTLY DESCRIBE IT AS
16 TRAUMATIC. YOUTH ALSO DESCRIBING WITNESSING PEERS SUFFER
17 REACTIONS TO BEING SPRAYED DESCRIBE IT AS TRAUMATIC. THIS
18 HARMFUL BEHAVIOR IS CONTRARY TO CALIFORNIA'S LEGISLATIVE
19 MANDATE THAT JUVENILES RECEIVE CARE, TREATMENT, AND GUIDANCE
20 THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THEIR BEST INTEREST. FAR FROM THE BEST
21 INTEREST, OFFICERS USE OF OR THREATENED USE OF CHEMICAL SPRAY
22 IS NOT ONLY TRAUMATIC, BUT CONSTITUTES INHUMANE OR DEGRADING
23 PUNISHMENT. IT DEGRADES TRUST BETWEEN YOUNG PEOPLE AND THOSE
24 WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. THERE'S NO
25 REHABILITATIVE VALUE IN THIS. IN FACT, IT MAKES JUVENILE HALLS

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1 MORE DANGEROUS, BOTH FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THE STAFF.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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6 **SPEAKER:** YES UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, I'M
7 REQUESTING DOUBLE TIME. MY DOCTOR SUBMITTED SOME INFORMATION
8 TO YOU. WHAT IS YOUR DETERMINATION ON THAT?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I THINK WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU A MINUTE.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT A PERSON WITH
13 SCHIZOPHRENIA SHOULDN'T BE GIVEN ADDITIONAL TIME IN THIS
14 MEETING? LET ME TELL YOU MY EXPERIENCE WITH A JUVENILE
15 DETENTION OFFICER. HIS NAME IS LAUREN MARLER. WHEN I WAS A
16 BOY, I WAS 12 YEARS OLD. HE TOOK ME TO HIS BASEMENT. HE
17 VIOLENTLY TIED ME UP AND MOLESTED ME. IT HAPPENED FOR THREE
18 YEARS. HE DID IT TO EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN MY CHURCH. WHAT DO
19 YOU THINK HAPPENED? NOW, WHEN THE MORMON CHURCH FOUND OUT
20 ABOUT IT, DO YOU THINK THEY CALLED THE POLICE AND TRIED TO
21 HAVE ME ARRESTED? NO. WHEN I REPORTED RAPE TO YOU, DID YOU TRY
22 TO CALL THE POLICE AND HAVE ME ARRESTED? YOU DID. DID YOU
23 INVESTIGATE MY RAPE? I DIDN'T. THIS IS WHAT SCARES ME ABOUT
24 THE JUVENILE DETENTION SYSTEM. THESE MEN AND WOMEN ARE IN
25 CONTROL OF OUR YOUTH. AND MANY OF THEM ARE LIKE THIS CHILD

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1 MOLESTER WHO MOLESTED ME, ABLE TO DO HORRIBLE THINGS TO THEM.
2 AND IF THEY CAN USE PEPPER SPRAY AGAINST THESE KIDS SO THAT
3 THEY CAN VIOLENTLY SEXUALLY ASSAULT THEM LIKE MY JUVENILE
4 DETENTION OFFICER, WHO, I WAS NOT IN TROUBLE. HE WAS A CHURCH
5 LEADER. I WASN'T IN TROUBLE. BUT HE DID THIS TO OTHER PEOPLE
6 WHO HE HAD CONTROL OVER.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **NORM JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NORM
11 JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PROBATION
12 SUPERVISORS. OUR POSITION IS NOT ONLY ABOUT THE MOTION TO
13 REMOVE PEPPER SPRAY FROM THE HALLS AND CAMPS, BUT MORE ABOUT
14 THE STAFF'S AND MINORS' SAFETY. OFFICERS HAVE LIMITED RESOURCE
15 IN THEIR ARSON. MANY ARE NOT TRAINED WITH THE GIFT OF GABS
16 LIKE SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. IF NOT PEPPER SPRAY, THEN
17 WHAT? WHAT PLANS ARE IN PLACE TO REPLACE PEPPER SPRAY? SAFE
18 STAFFING IS CRITICAL. TRAINING IS A MUST. CLEAR POLICIES,
19 WITHOUT A DOUBT. BUT HOW TO CONTROL CHILDREN THAT DOESN'T
20 RESPECT AUTHORITY? WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO RESOLVE THE ISSUES
21 AT HAND BEFORE REMOVING THE ONLY TOOLS THAT WE HAVE. THANK
22 YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **ERIC WALTON:** HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS ERIC WALTON. I'M A
2 DETENTION SERVICE OFFICER AT BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL.
3 I'VE BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY ABOUT 10
4 YEARS. WITHIN THAT TIME, I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST GOT HIRED. A
5 FEW OF US WERE CALLED OUT TO ONE OF THE CAMPS WHERE A RIOT
6 ERUPTED. THE YOUTH IN THAT CAMP BROKE OFF LEG CHAIRS, USED
7 ROCKS AND BROKEN WINDOW GLASS TO FIGHT. THE DEPUTIES AT THE
8 FACILITY DID NOT HAVE PEPPER SPRAY. L.A.S.D. HAD TO COME OUT
9 THE QUELL. THEY WERE IN RIOT GEAR. THEY HAD TO USE PEPPER BALL
10 PELLETS TO GET THE YOUTH. SOME OF THE YOUTH WERE IN TRIAGE
11 WITH L.A. FIRE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THEY SERIOUSLY INJURED EACH
12 OTHER. SO IF WE TAKE AWAY PEPPER SPRAY, THIS IS THE WINDOW,
13 THE DOOR, YOU OPEN WHEN THESE YOUTH BEGIN TO ACT OUT
14 VIOLENTLY. SO WE DO NOT WANT TO RETURN BACK TO THE DAYS OF
15 MCCLAREN HALL WHERE THAT FACILITY ENDED UP HAVING TO GET SHUT
16 DOWN WHERE YOUTH WERE ACTIVELY VIOLENT. SO I JUST WANT TO BE
17 ABLE TO BRING THAT TO YOUR ATTENTION. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20

21 **STACY FORD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. I WANT TO CHANGE
22 THE COURSE JUST A TAD BIT. MY NAME IS STACY FORD. I'M A
23 D.P.O.1 IN CAMP. THE KIDS IN OUR CARE, THEY LOOK JUST LIKE ME.
24 THEY'RE BLACK. AND THEY'RE BROWN. THE OFFICERS WHO WORK IN
25 THESE FACILITIES, THEY LOOK JUST LIKE THE MINORS. THEY'RE

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1 BLACK. AND THEY'RE BROWN. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE CARE
2 ABOUT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. SO TO DISMISS THAT WE DON'T CARE IS A
3 DISSERVICE BECAUSE WE CARE. WE CARE ABOUT THE YOUNG PEOPLE
4 THAT WE SERVE. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE WANT TO BE SAFE,
5 TOO. WE HAVE WIVES AND HUSBANDS AND CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN
6 THAT WANT US TO COME HOME THE SAME WAY WE LEFT THAT MORNING.
7 BUT JUST KNOW THAT WE DO CARE ABOUT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND
8 OUR DESIRE IS TO BE SAFE. OUR DESIRE IS TO KEEP THE YOUNG
9 PEOPLE SAFE. SO WITH THAT BEING SAID, I AM THE FACE OF THE
10 DEPARTMENT. I AM THE FACE OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE CARE
11 ABOUT. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT ON THE RECORD. I WAS
16 WATCHING YOU OVER THE WEEKEND. CHANGING OUR PARADIGM IS VERY
17 IMPORTANT. I TOTALLY AGREE. NUMBER ONE, WE HAVE TO GET RID OF
18 THE PEPPER SPRAY. NUMBER 2, WE HAVE TO GET, FOR EACH SIX KIDS,
19 TWO OFFICERS. AND NUMBER 3, WE GOT TO EDUCATE AND TRAIN THE
20 PROBATION OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH THESE KIDS. THERE'S NO IFs,
21 ANDs, OR BUTTES ABOUT IT. IF YOU GOT A HEINOUS CRIME, YOU GOT
22 TO BE IN JAIL. IF YOU STARTING AT 16, AND YOU KILL SOMEBODY OR
23 GOT ATTEMPTED MURDER, TAKE THEM TO JAIL. THERE'S NO OTHER WAY
24 OF LOOKING AT IT. DO THE RIGHT THING. GET RID OF THE PEPPER
25 SPRAY. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. IF YOU GOT TWO PROBATION

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1 OFFICERS PER SIX KIDS, THAT'S A GREAT DEAL. START TRAINING.
2 GET RID OF ALL THE PROBLEMS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. IF YOU GUYS
3 FOLLOW THOSE INSTRUCTIONS, YOU GUYS WOULD BE A BETTER
4 DEPARTMENT. AND EVERYTHING WILL WORK. HEINOUS CRIMES BELONG IN
5 JAIL.

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO GO TO
8 LANCASTER. HELLO LANCASTER.

9

10 **NICOLE PARSON:** HELLO. I WAS WORKING. IT LOOKS LIKE I'M STILL
11 WORKING ON THE HOSPITAL EQUITY. NOW I'M CALLING IT THE
12 COMMUNITY FARM. AND SO ULTIMATELY, LIKE OUR WASTE, DISCHARGE,
13 WE'RE GOING TO LIKE WORK WITH THAT. AND THEN BUT IN THIS ONE I
14 JUST WANT TO SEND IT ALL TO YOU BECAUSE THIS ONE IT HAS LIKE A
15 LOT OF MODELS. LIKE I DID AN EARLY WARNING BUT I ACTUALLY DID
16 IT OUT IN MY HEAD ON TO PAPER. AND IT'S LIKE 177. LIKE THE
17 QUADRANTS. BUT IF YOU AND THE ONE INTERFACE IN THE MIDDLE,
18 YOU'LL HAVE LIKE FOUR DOWN AND FIVE ACROSS, BUT YOU TIMES THAT
19 LIKE A WHOLE BUNCH. AND THEN WE HAVE LIKE THE PLAYERS CARD
20 WHICH MAKES THE EASE OF ACCESS WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. WHICH
21 WILL HAVE LIKE THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. AND THE I.D. BUT
22 ONLY CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WILL HAVE ACCESS
23 TO IT. BUT WOULD YOU GUYS REMINDED ME ON AND SO THEY WILL THE
24 HAVE THE ACCESS TO THAT INFORMATION ON THE CARD, JUST A
25 PLAYERS CARD NOT THE EARLY WARNING. BUT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF

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1 THAT SPECTRUM, YOU HAVE YOUR FRAUD AND ABUSE WHICH YOU GUYS
2 ARE TALKING ABOUT. SO IT WILL ALLOW YOU THAT, TOO. AND SO YOU
3 GUYS WORRIED ABOUT CRIMINALIZATION.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **NICOLE PARSON:** WHAT?

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9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **KRYSTAL SHELLEY:** YES, HI. MY NAME IS KRYSTAL SHELLEY. AND WHEN
12 I WAS INCARCERATED, I HAD ASKED FOR SOME MENTAL HEALTH HELP.
13 AND WHEN I ASKED FOR SOME MENTAL HEALTH HELP, I WAS ASSAULTED
14 BY SEVERAL DIFFERENT STAFF AT THAT TIME WHERE THEY RELEASED
15 THREE CANS OF PEPPER SPRAY ON ME JUST BECAUSE I REFUSED TO GO
16 INTO MY CELL. I WAS HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH BREAKDOWN. AND I
17 WAS NEVER GIVEN THE TIME TO SPEAK TO ANYONE. I JUST
18 CONTINUOUSLY GOT ASSAULTED. AT THAT TIME, BY BEING A WOMAN, BY
19 PEPPER SPRAY RUNNING DOWN YOUR BODY AND INTO YOUR FEMALE
20 PARTS, THAT IS NOT OKAY. YOU KNOW. AND EXCESSIVE USE WAS USED.
21 THREE CANS OF PEPPER SPRAY ON ONE PERSON THAT HASN'T ASSAULTED
22 ANYONE, THAT'S A PROBLEM, A MAJOR PROBLEM. AND I THANK YOU
23 GUYS.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. IS THAT ALL THE SPEAKERS ON
2 THIS ITEM? OKAY. SO WE HAVE 7 AND 11 BEFORE US. MOVED BY
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. OH, I'M SORRY. THERE'S YOUR NAME RIGHT
4 THERE. I APOLOGIZE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** I'M SORRY. I WAS SLOW PRESSING THAT BUTTON.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS HAS BEEN VERY ENLIGHTENING
11 AND NOT REALLY IN A VERY POSITIVE WAY IN SOME WAYS. I'M
12 READING A BOOK NOW BY DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN, AND IT'S ABOUT
13 LEADERSHIP. AND IT'S ABOUT LEADERSHIP IN CRISIS AND LEADERSHIP
14 THROUGH ALL SORTS OF HISTORY. AND IT FEATURES FOUR OF OUR
15 FORMER PRESIDENTS, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, TEDDY ROOSEVELT, F.D.R.
16 AND LYNDON JOHNSON, AND WHAT THEY WENT THROUGH AS YOUNG
17 PEOPLE, AND WHAT THEY FACED AND HOW THEY FACED IT, BUT ALSO
18 HOW THEY LED. AND I THANK THOSE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO SHOWED UP
19 TO TALK TO US TODAY ABOUT THEIR WORK SITUATION. I DON'T THANK
20 THEM FOR CHEERING RACIST REMARKS. AND I THINK THEY OUGHT TO
21 RETHINK THAT. BUT I'M ALSO VERY GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHO CAME AND
22 TALKED ABOUT THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE WITH THIS MATERIAL. THIS IS
23 JUST FIVE OF US, AND WE RUN A BIG COUNTY. AND THIS IS ABOUT
24 LEADERSHIP, IN MY OPINION, ON OUR PART. EVERYONE WILL TELL YOU
25 IT WORKS BETTER TO USE VIOLENCE. IT DOES. THAT'S WHY PEOPLE

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1 BEAT UP THEIR WIVES. THAT'S WHY PEOPLE HURT THEIR KIDS. THAT'S
2 WHY TEACHERS USED TO BEAT THE CHILDREN AT SCHOOL. THAT'S WHY
3 THEY SAY, YOU KNOW, IF YOUR ONLY TOOL IS A HAMMER, EVERYTHING
4 LOOKS LIKE A NAIL. AND THE LEADERSHIP THAT I AM ASKING THIS
5 BOARD TO TAKE IS TO SAY NO TO THIS KIND OF VIOLENCE. I WILL
6 CHARACTERIZE IT AS VIOLENCE BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT IS. AGAINST
7 ADULTS WHO ARE INCARCERATED, IT WOULD BE VIOLENCE. WE DO NOT
8 CONDONE TORTURE, EVEN THOUGH SOME OF OUR ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE
9 FOUND WAYS TO FIND WEIRD LEGAL MEMOS OKAYING IT. WE DO NOT
10 CONDONE IT. THIS IS A FORM OF TORTURE, IN MY OPINION. AND I
11 DON'T CARE IF IT WORKS. IT IS JUST NOT A TOOL THAT I WANT USED
12 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE COMMITTED TO FINDING AND HELPING
13 PEOPLE FIND ANOTHER WAY. BUT THIS BOARD THIS TERM STANDS FOR
14 REHABILITATION, HUMANITY, HUMANITARIAN TREATMENT, CHOICE,
15 BELIEF IN THE BETTER WAY. WE DON'T ALWAYS DO IT RIGHT. WE
16 DON'T ALWAYS DO IT WELL. BUT BY GOD, WE'RE CALLED UPON TO DO
17 IT. AND I RECOMMEND AND WAS HAPPY TO HEAR EACH OF MY
18 COLLEAGUES SAY THEY WOULD SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS. I RECOMMEND
19 THAT WE SUPPORT THIS TODAY BECAUSE THIS WILL LEAD US TO A
20 BETTER WAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ANY OTHER OF MY
23 COLLEAGUES WISHING TO SPEAK?

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MOVE ITEM 7 AND 11, MADAM CHAIR.

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE THESE ITEMS.
4 IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THAT WILL BE
5 THE ORDER. AND NOW, WE'RE TO -- AND, PLEASE, IF YOU'RE GOING
6 TO EXIT THE AUDITORIUM AT THIS POINT, TRY TO BE AS QUIET AS
7 POSSIBLE. WE'RE ON ITEM 12 NOW. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU
8 REQUESTED TO HOLD THIS ITEM. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME
9 REMARKS?

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** I DID. VERY BRIEFLY BECAUSE I THINK THAT IT'S AN
12 INTERESTING THING. THIS KIND OF GOES THEMATICALLY ALONG WITH
13 SOME OF WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT. IT'S REALLY ABOUT VIOLENCE
14 IN SOCIETY AND ALL THE DIFFERENT WAYS IN WHICH IT'S EXPRESSED.
15 AND IN 2017, THE BOARD RECEIVED A REPORT THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE
16 WERE A LOT OF DIFFERENT --

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SHH! JUST A MINUTE. PLEASE BE AS QUIET AS
19 YOU CAN. OUR MEETING IS NOT OVER.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** ALTHOUGH THERE WERE A NUMBER OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
2 WHO OPERATED A WIDE VARIETY OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS,
3 THE INITIATIVES THEMSELVES WERE NOT COORDINATED OR DEALT WITH
4 IN KIND OF A HOLISTIC MANNER. SO WHAT THIS MOTION IS ABOUT IS
5 GOING THE NEXT STEP TO ESTABLISH A SINGLE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
6 PREVENTION, MAKING IT RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE
7 PROGRAMS, HELPING US TO CRAFT A MORE STRATEGIC APPROACH TO
8 VIOLENCE PREVENTION, ACTUALLY RECOGNIZING THE POTENTIAL LINKS
9 BETWEEN AND AMONG VARIOUS FORMS OF VIOLENCE AND HOW IT IMPACTS
10 OUR COMMUNITIES AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS.
11 IN EARLY 2018, JUST DAYS AFTER THE ATTACK IN PARKLAND,
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I INTRODUCED A MOTION ASKING THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK
14 ABOUT HOW WE COULD CREATE SUCH AN OFFICE. AND TODAY, WHICH IS
15 ONLY DAYS AFTER THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASS SHOOTING
16 AT MARJORIE STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
17 THOMAS AND I ARE INTRODUCING THIS MOTION TO OFFICIALLY
18 ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION WITHIN OUR
19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOTH SUPERVISOR
24 KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION
25 FORWARD. I KNOW, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THAT YOU'VE HAD A LONG-

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1 STANDING COMMITMENT TO VIOLENCE PREVENTION. AND YOU WROTE MANY
2 BILLS TO ADDRESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DURING YOUR TIME UP IN THE
3 LEGISLATURE. I AM SUPPORTIVE OF THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
4 PROTECTION. I BELIEVE THE CREATION OF THIS OFFICE SHOWS THE
5 BOARD'S UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE ISSUE THROUGH THE
6 PROVISION OF CRITICAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO VICTIMS IN THE
7 EXPANSION OF PROVEN INTERVENTION PROGRAMS. WITH THAT BEING
8 SAID, THE ONE THING THAT DID CATCH MY EYE IS THE USE OF
9 MEASURE B DOLLARS. I BELIEVE THAT I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THE
10 MOTION TODAY. BUT THE FACT THAT THERE ARE FUNDS THAT ARE NOT
11 BEING SPENT, AND I HAVE HOSPITALS CONTACTING ME ASKING FOR US
12 TO RETHINK HOW THESE FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED, I WOULD ASK THIS
13 BOARD TO CAREFULLY MONITOR HOW THOSE FUNDS ARE BEING SPENT
14 MOVING FORWARD. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A SURPLUS. AND, YOU KNOW,
15 SIMILAR TO THE M.H.R. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT DOLLARS THAT
16 WE'RE SITTING ON, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S
17 PASSED BY THE TAXPAYERS, THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO
18 ENSURE THAT THAT MONEY IS GOING TO ENTITIES THAT WERE PROMISED
19 WHEN WE PASSED MEASURE B. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU LOOK AT FIRE, I
20 REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE FIRST ALLOCATING THE DOLLARS, L.A. CITY
21 FIRE CAME FORWARD AND ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL MONEY BECAUSE THEY
22 FELT THEY WERE NOT GETTING ENOUGH BECAUSE THEY ARE THE LARGEST
23 PARAMEDIC SERVICE IN THE COUNTY. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR
24 US, SACHI, TO, MOVING FORWARD, LOOK AT THE ALLOCATION OF
25 MEASURE B AND, IF NEEDED, TO RE-ADJUST FOR THIS. I GET IT

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1 BECAUSE I DO THINK THERE IS A NEXUS. SO I UNDERSTAND THAT. AND
2 IT CAN BE JUSTIFIED. BUT THE BIGGER QUESTION FOR ME IS WHAT
3 ARE WE DOING WITH THE MEASURE B DOLLARS, ESPECIALLY WHEN FIRE
4 NOW IS USING IT MORE -- USING MORE PARAMEDICS THAN THEY ARE
5 FIRE SUPPRESSION. SO I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS BUT ALSO ASK
6 THAT WE BE VIGILANT AS IT REMAINS TO MEASURE B DOLLARS OR ANY
7 OTHER UNSPENT DOLLARS THAT ARE SITTING UNALLOCATED AT THIS
8 POINT. BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU. I GET IT. I THINK IT'S NEEDED.
9 THE IRONY IS NOT LOST ON ME THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE
10 ON A LOT OF LEVELS. SO WE NEED TO PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR
11 MOUTH IS. SO WITH THAT, THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, PERMIT ME TO THANK SUPERVISOR
16 KUEHL FOR BRINGING THE MOTION FORWARD. THIS HAS BEEN AND
17 CONTINUES TO BE A HIGH PRIORITY FOR MY OFFICE. AND I'M PROUD
18 TO COAUTHOR IT WITH YOU. COLLEAGUES, YOU'LL KNOW THAT JUST
19 LAST WEEK, THE NATION LOOKED BACK ON THE YEAR AFTER PARKLAND,
20 FLORIDA, THAT SHOOTING WHICH IS SEARED INTO THE MINDS AND THE
21 HEARTS OF NOT ONLY THIS NATION BUT ACROSS THE GLOBE. AND WE
22 HAVE TO BE REMINDED OF THE NEARLY 1200 CHILDREN WHO HAVE LOST
23 THEIR LIVES TO GUNS SINCE THAT EVENT, THAT TRAGIC EVENT, LAST
24 FEBRUARY. I BELIEVE THIS REPRESENTS JUST A SMALL FRACTION OF
25 THOSE WHO ARE VICTIMS OF OTHER TYPES OF VIOLENCE, INCLUDING

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1 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE, DEFINE IT AS YOU
2 WILL, AND, REGRETTABLY SCHOOL VIOLENCE. THIS REPRESENTS A
3 DISTURBING PHENOMENA IN OUR SOCIETY. IT IS HARDLY UNRELATED TO
4 THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE WERE HAVING WITH ITEMS 7 AND 11. AND
5 WE NEED TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THIS. AND THIS MOTION SEEKS TO
6 HELP US DO SO. THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT -- VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IS
7 JUST SIMPLY STAGGERING. THE IMPACT THAT IT'S HAD ON
8 COMMUNITIES CANNOT BE CAPTURED IN WORDS. MANY OF US SUFFER
9 FROM PROLONGED GRIEF, WOUNDED BY THESE ISSUES FOR AN
10 INCREDIBLE LENGTH OF TIME. AND I JUST WANT TO APPLAUD THE
11 CURRENT AND ONGOING EFFORTS OF OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE
12 PARTNERS BEYOND THAT EXTERNAL TO ADDRESS THE MULTIPLE FORMS OF
13 VIOLENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PARTICULARLY THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 PUBLIC HEALTH'S INJURY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM HAS
15 BEEN ENGAGED IN OUR MOST IMPACTED COMMUNITIES BRINGING
16 TOGETHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND MOST
17 IMPORTANTLY THE RESIDENTS THEMSELVES TO CRAFT AND IMPLEMENT
18 STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. FOR
19 EXAMPLE, WE SHOULD LOOK TO THOSE THINGS THAT WE KNOW HAVE BEEN
20 PROMISING PRACTICES, NAMELY, PARKS AFTER DARK, THAT PROGRAM
21 WHICH HATCHED OUT OF THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION IMITATIVE. AND
22 IT'S PROVEN THAT SAFE PASSAGES AND PLACES TO PLAY INCREASE
23 SOCIAL COHESION AND REDUCE GANG VIOLENCE. THOSE ARE GOOD
24 THINGS. ALL OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE TOUCHED AND ENGAGED WITH
25 VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN SOME WAY. AND I JUST SIMPLY WANT TO

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1 TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU ACROSS-THE-BOARD FOR YOUR
2 HARD WORK. IT'S IMPORTANT. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE COUNTLESS
3 COMMUNITY PARTNERS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND RESIDENTS WHO ARE
4 COMMITTED TO BRINGING PEACE TO THEIR HOMES AND THEIR
5 NEIGHBORHOODS. AND I WANT TO THANK THEM. AND ALL OF YOU KNOW
6 WHO YOU ARE. CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU. SO TODAY'S MOTION OFFERS
7 A TANGIBLE COMMITMENT TO PRIORITIZING VIOLENCE PREVENTION
8 THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE YEARS AHEAD. AND THE NEWLY
9 CREATED OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION WILL NOT ONLY EXPAND ON
10 THE WORK OUR COUNTY'S ALREADY LEADING BUT WILL HELP COORDINATE
11 AND INTEGRATE EXISTING EFFORTS BOTH WITHIN THE COUNTY AND IN
12 THE LARGER COMMUNITY. I CAN THINK OF NO MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE
13 FOR OUR COUNTY TO LEAD ON THAN THE ISSUE OF VIOLENCE
14 PREVENTION. IT HAS FAR REACHING IMPLICATIONS FOR THE QUALITY
15 OF LIFE OF US ALL BOTH DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY. MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'LL BE BRIEF. I ALSO WANT
20 TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS
21 MOTION BEFORE US. AND I RAISE THIS BECAUSE, JUST RECENTLY IN
22 MY OWN DISTRICT, THERE WAS A VIOLENT CRIME THAT OCCURRED AT
23 ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS IN AZUSA. AND OUR TEACHERS AND OUR FAMILIES
24 ARE HAVING TO GO THROUGH THIS WHERE YOUNGSTERS ARE NOW
25 INVOLVED IN HEINOUS CRIMES USING GUNS. AND HOW DO WE THEN

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1 BEGIN TO INTEGRATE THE WHOLE SCOPE OF MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE
2 OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ENGAGED BECAUSE
3 IT ISN'T JUST A ONE-OFF IN MY DISTRICT? IT HAPPENS REPEATEDLY
4 IN OTHER PARTS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND EAST LOS ANGELES
5 WEEKEND AFTER WEEKEND TO GET THOSE REPORTS. AND I REALLY DO
6 THINK IT'S GOING TO TAKE A LOT MORE IN TERMS OF OUR WORK ON
7 THE GROUND. SO THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, THAT
8 WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT THIS THROUGH A HOLISTIC LENS THAT
9 WILL HOPEFULLY BRING ALL PEOPLES TOGETHER AS WELL AS THE
10 VICTIMS BUT ALSO THE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO HELP COMBAT THE
11 ESCALATION OF CRIME AND TO DETER THAT AND USE OTHER TOOLS THAT
12 CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE. SO I APPLAUD YOU AS WE MOVE FORWARD
13 AND, AGAIN, JUST WANT TO REITERATE THE COMMUNITY'S INVOLVEMENT
14 AS WELL AS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S. THANK YOU.

15
16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
17 CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK TO
18 US ON THIS ITEM.

19
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE
21 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
22 NAME AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. ANTHONY ORTIZ LUIS. LA'QUANA
23 WILLIAMS. PAUL CARILLO, ANTONIA RAMIREZ. CARLOS LEON. DR.
24 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ERIC PREVEN. GABRIELA SANTIAGO, GEORGE

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1 BUZZETTI. HARI KIM. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** WE'LL LET THEM SIT DOWN AND THEN GO AHEAD.

5

6 **ANTHONY ORTIZ LUIS:** THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISOR
7 SHEILA KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, ENTIRE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ORTIZ LUIS. AND I'M FROM
9 VALLEY CARE COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM. WE'RE A NONPROFIT
10 ORGANIZATION WORKING IN THE SAN FERNANDO AND SANTA CLARITA
11 VALLEYS TO HELP IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES
12 IN THAT REGION. OUR NETWORK IS 150 STRONG CONSISTING OF
13 F.Q.H.C.S, COMMUNITY CLINICS, HOSPITALS, C.B.O.S, CHURCHES,
14 AND SCHOOLS. WE ARE THERE TO ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY FOR ALL OF
15 OUR RESIDENTS. WE BELIEVE IN THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF
16 VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A VIOLENCE
17 PREVENTION IMITATIVE WILL BE CRITICAL FOR REDUCING VIOLENCE
18 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THE OFFICE WILL HELP FOCUS COUNTY-WIDE
19 EFFORTS ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION, BETTER
20 COORDINATE AND ALIGN EFFORTS BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND COMMUNITY
21 PARTNERS, AND PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCES TO BETTER
22 ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS. WE KNOW THAT A PLACE-BASED, A
23 COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH WILL BE GREAT FOR ALL COMMUNITIES,
24 ESPECIALLY THOSE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE. AND

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1 SO VALLEY CARE COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM AND OUR NETWORK OF ALL OF
2 OUR PARTNERS SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **LA'QUANA WILLIAMS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
7 NAME IS LA'QUANA WILLIAMS. AND I'M AN ASSOCIATE PROGRAM
8 MANAGER WITH PREVENTION INSTITUTE IN OUR LEIMERT PARK OFFICE.
9 WE'RE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE BOARD MOTION TO ESTABLISH
10 THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION WITH A VIABLE LONG TERM
11 FUNDING STRATEGY, SUSTAINED ATTENTION AND LEADERSHIP FROM THE
12 BOARD, AND MULTISECTOR ENGAGEMENT FROM ALL PARTNERS. IN MAY OF
13 2018, P.I. WAS CONTRACTED BY D.P.H. TO CONDUCT LISTENING
14 SESSIONS AS WELL AS INTERVIEWS WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND
15 FACILITATE CONVERSATIONS AMONG COUNTY DEPARTMENT LEADS. THE
16 REPORT PREPARED FOR D.P.H. BY P.I. IDENTIFIED 10 KEY FINDINGS
17 AND STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS THAT INCLUDE BUILDING ON WHAT
18 EXISTS AND STRENGTHENING WHAT WORKS, UNDERSTANDING ROOT CAUSE
19 ISSUES TO PREVENT VIOLENCE, AND GRAPPLING WITH THE
20 IMPLICATIONS OF OUR VAST GEOGRAPHY. THROUGH LISTENING SESSIONS
21 AND SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT INTERVIEWS, WE SEE NOT ONLY A DEEP
22 FRUSTRATION AND SADNESS ABOUT THE PERSISTENCE OF VIOLENCE AND
23 THE TRAUMA IT LEAVES IN ITS WAKE BUT ALSO A LOT OF HOPE THAT
24 PREVENTING VIOLENCE IS DOABLE. WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
25 LEADERSHIP VISIBILITY AND SUPPORT, D.P.H. AND NUMEROUS

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1 PARTNERS CAN DEVELOP A ROBUST AND IMPACTFUL VIOLENCE
2 PREVENTION INITIATIVE THAT WILL SAVE LIVES AND ALLEVIATE
3 SUFFERING.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **DAVID LARSON:** MY NAME IS DAVID LARSON. AND I'D JUST HIKE TO
8 ASK FOR THIS COUNCIL TO STOP CALLING THE POLICE ON ME WHEN I
9 ASK FOR THE QUESTION OF WHAT RAPE IS? WHEN I ASK YOU TO SHARE
10 WITH A SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION WHAT HAPPENED TO ME, I'M
11 DOING IT BECAUSE I'M ON DISABILITY. AND I WANT THEM TO KNOW I
12 WAS RAPED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. AND
13 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WANT ME TO WORK FOR THEM EVER
14 AGAIN AND THEY BARRED ME FROM ALL SERVICES. EVERY TIME I CALL
15 SHEILA KUEHL'S OFFICE, THEY THREATEN ME WITH ARREST BECAUSE I
16 ASK THEM FOR SOCIAL SECURITY TO BE INVOLVED. NOW IF THAT'S NOT
17 A VIOLENT CRIME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS. IF YOU'RE GOING TO USE
18 RAPE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT I WAS TOLD MY RAPE WAS? WES FORD SAID
19 THAT HE HAD SEX WITH ME WHEN I HAD A BROKEN PELVIS IN TWO
20 PLACES AND A BROKEN SHOULDER BECAUSE IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL ACT.
21 AND WHEN I ASKED THE COUNTY IF IT WAS RAPE OR IF IT WAS A
22 BEAUTIFUL ACT, THEY SAID IT WASN'T RAPE. IF I'M DISABLED TWO
23 DAYS AFTER AN ACCIDENT, AND I HAVE A BROKEN PELVIS IN TWO
24 PLACES AND A BROKEN SHOULDER, I WANT THIS BILL TO INCLUDE RAPE
25 AS A VIOLENT ACT. THAT'S ALL I WANT. I WANT RAPE TO BE

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1 CONSIDERED WHAT IT IS. DO YOU REALIZE THAT I HAD A BROKEN
2 PELVIS, AND HE CONSTANTLY BROKE MY BONES? HE BROKE MY BONES
3 RAPING ME.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **DAVID LARSON:** RAPED ME.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **PAUL CARILLO:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS PAUL CARILLO, HERE
12 REPRESENTING A TABLE THAT INCLUDES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
13 CROSSROADS, ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER, HARBOR U.C.L.A., URBAN
14 PEACE INSTITUTE, AND HELPER FOUNDATION. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF
15 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ON THIS ISSUE.
16 VIOLENCE PREVENTION IS COMPLEX. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE GUNS.
17 IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT
18 GANGS. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING. IT'S ABOUT ALL
19 OF THEM. AND SO MY HOPE IS THAT THIS OFFICE IS COMPREHENSIVE
20 AND IT DOES NOT TURN TOWARDS A PARTICULAR POLITICAL AGENDA TO
21 APPEASE A PARTICULAR LINE OF WORK, BUT IT IS, IN FACT,
22 COMPREHENSIVE. I WANT TO ALSO POINT OUT THE TREMENDOUS WORK BY
23 THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INJURY AND
24 VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND THEIR TRAUMA PREVENTION INITIATIVE.
25 FOLKS, ANDREA WASSING, KELLY FISHER, DR. KWOH HAVE BEEN OUT IN

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1 THE COMMUNITY WITH INDIVIDUALS. I HAVE BEEN AT MEETINGS WITH
2 FOLKS YELLING AT THEM TELLING THEM WHAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS.
3 AND WITH TOTAL RESPECT AND EMPATHY, THEY TAKE THE FEEDBACK AND
4 TRY TO IMPROVE SERVICES. THANK YOU. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **GABRIELLA SANTIAGO:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS
9 GABRIELLA SANTIAGO. I AM REPRESENTING THE MONVISTA COMMUNITY
10 IN SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. I'M HERE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THE NEW
11 OPENING OF THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. MY NEIGHBORHOOD
12 NEEDS A LOT OF HELP PREVENTING VIOLENCE. WE HAVE A LOT OF
13 BLACK AND YOUTH COMMUNITY, BLACK AND YOUTH, CHILDREN WALKING
14 AROUND THE STREETS, YOU KNOW, WITH NOTHING TO DO. WE REALLY
15 WANT HELP PREVENTING THIS AND CREATING PROGRAMS. SOMETHING
16 THAT CAN PREVENT ALL THESE PEOPLE RECRUITING OUR KIDS FROM SEX
17 TRAFFICKING, INVITING OUR YOUNG KIDS TO JOIN, YOU KNOW, TO BE
18 IN A GANG. AND I ALSO WANT TO ASK YOU, WHOEVER IS IN CHARGE,
19 PLEASE, TO CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THESE KIDS. I DON'T
20 WANT TO GIVE UP ON MY NEIGHBORHOOD. I JUST MOVED. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **CARLOS LEON:** HI, EVERYONE. CARLOS LEON FROM COMMUNITY
25 COALITION. WE'RE EXCITED TO SUPPORT AND SEE A PREVENTION

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1 OFFICE THAT SEEKS TO HUMANIZE OUR YOUNG BLACK AND BROWN
2 CHILDREN INSTEAD OF CRIMINALIZING THEM. I GREW UP IN SOUTH
3 CENTRAL L.A. AND THE AMOUNT OF ANXIETY, P.T.S.D., AND VIOLENCE
4 WE GO THROUGH NEEDS TO BE SEEN WITH SUPPORT, WITH LOVE, WITH
5 ATTENTION, AND NOT WITH PUNISHMENT. OUR YOUTH CURRENTLY RIGHT
6 NOW IN THE ORGANIZATION ARE CONSTANTLY REQUESTING SUPPORT,
7 INVESTMENT, MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES, OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAL,
8 THRIVE, AND CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO SOCIETY, ESPECIALLY IN
9 OUR COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH L.A. THAT HAVE BEEN DISINVESTED FOR
10 DECADES AND THE CHALLENGES THAT THEY'RE STILL SEEING TODAY AND
11 THE TRAUMA THAT THEY'RE SEEING TODAY. SO WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD
12 FOR A CHANGE, LOOKING FORWARD FOR HOPE, LOOKING FORWARD TO
13 OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE POSSIBILITY THAT OUR CHILDREN TODAY IN
14 THE STREETS CAN HAVE IN A BETTER SOCIETY.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER, WE NEED
17 TO CALL UP SOME MORE.

18

19 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD HERMAN
20 HERMAN, JAIME GARCIA, JOSEPH MAIZLISH. KANDEE LEWIS, KIM
21 MCGILL, NICOLE BROWN, OSCAR ALVAREZ, REBECCA WEIKER, STAN
22 MUHAMMAD, AND NICOLE PARSON PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
23 ASSIST YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

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2 **HARI KIM:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HARI KIM. AND I'M FROM
3 KOREATOWN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER, BETTER KNOWN AS K.Y.C.C.
4 FIRST, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
5 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL FOR INTRODUCING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION.
6 K.Y.C.C. SUPPORTS THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
7 PREVENTION IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IN OUR EFFORTS TO
8 CURTAIL UNDER AGE DRINKING AND SUBSTANCE USE IN KOREATOWN,
9 PICO UNION, AND WESTLAKE NEIGHBORHOODS, K.Y.C.C. RECOGNIZED
10 THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO ADVOCATED FOR
11 SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY. IT WAS THESE RESIDENTS, THE
12 FAMILIES WHO PARTICIPATED IN ONE OF OUR PREVENTION EDUCATION
13 PROGRAMS, WHO IDENTIFIED CYCLE OF VIOLENCE BOTH INSIDE AND
14 OUTSIDE THE HOME AS THE GREATEST DETERRENT OF THEIR QUALITY OF
15 LIFE. THEY SAID THAT IT WAS THIS CYCLE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, GANG
16 VIOLENCE, STREET VIOLENCE, SCHOOL VIOLENCE, POLICE VIOLENCE,
17 COMMUNITY VIOLENCE, THAT IMPACTS OUR COMMUNITY. WE LISTENED TO
18 THEM. WE WORKED WITH THESE FAMILIES TO RAISE AWARENESS AND
19 PROMOTE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR TO CHANGE THE SOCIAL NORMS ABOUT
20 VIOLENCE AND BUILD UPON OUR ALREADY RESILIENT COMMUNITY. THIS
21 IS THE FIRST STEP IN ADDRESSING VIOLENCE.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** PUT ALL THE JUDGES, COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY
2 SUPERVISORS, SHEILA KUEHL, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, HILDA SOLIS,
3 COURT ADMINISTRATORS, SCHMUCKS, AND SHYSTERS, ATTORNEYS,
4 A.C.L.U., PUBLIC LAW CENTER, LEGAL AID, RAY -- FAIR HOUSING,
5 D.A.'S OFFICE, JACKIE LACEY, PUBLIC DEFENDERS, PROSECUTORS,
6 PROBATION OFFICERS, L.A.P.D., MICHAEL MOORE, ERIC GARCETTI,
7 AND CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL FEUER SHOULD BE SANCTIONED AND FINED
8 AND FORCED TO LIVE ON THE STREETS WITH THEIR FAMILIES WITH NO
9 CELLPHONES AND NO SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AND NO L.A.P.D.
10 PROTECTION. WHEN THEY ARE BEING VICTIMIZED, ASSAULTED,
11 BATTERED, ROBBED, VIOLATED, GANG STALKED, HARASSED, BULLIED,
12 MOB LYNCHED, THEY WILL NOT BE PROTECTED. AND INCIDENTALLY,
13 BECAUSE THEY INSIGHT AND PERPETRATED GANG AND RACIAL HATE
14 CRIMES AGAINST INDEPENDENT PEOPLE, AND THESE PERPETRATORS OF
15 CRIMES ARE LATINOS AND BLACKS. THESE CONTINUOUSLY ARE THE
16 BIGGEST TWO CRIMINALS, BLACKS AND BROWNS. THE ABOVE MENTIONED
17 ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR HOMELESSNESS, POVERTY, HIGH CRIMES,
18 VIOLENCE, THEFT, AND GANG STALKING. AND INCIDENTALLY, SHEILA
19 KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, DID YOU EXERCISE PROFESSIONAL
20 LEADERSHIP?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD. NEXT
25 SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

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1

2 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

5

6 **REBECCA WEIKER:** LET'S ALL TAKE A BREATH.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NO. JUST TALK.

9

10 **REBECCA WEIKER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS REBECCA WEIKER.

11 AND I AM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT RESTORE JUSTICE. WE'RE A

12 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS WITH BOTH PEOPLE

13 WHO ARE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CRIME AND ALSO PEOPLE WHO ARE

14 RESPONSIBLE. WE CREATE HEALING AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT

15 IN THE COMMUNITY. AND ALSO WE TEACH CLASSES WITHIN LOS

16 ANGELES, THE CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND

17 WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE FOLKS WHO ARE THERE IS THAT MOST PEOPLE

18 WHO CREATE HARM HAVE BEEN HARMED THEMSELVES. AND SO, WE REALLY

19 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WE NEED MORE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

20 IN THE COMMUNITY TO INTERRUPT THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE. AND A

21 PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH IS THE BEST WAY TO DO THIS. AND

22 LOCATING THIS OFFICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS

23 THE RIGHT WAY TO GO. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR INTEGRATING AND

24 SUPPORTING THESE VITAL SERVICES FOR OUR COUNTY.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2 KANDEE.

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4 **KANDEE LEWIS:** MY NAME IS KANDEE LEWIS. AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE
5 DIRECTOR OF THE POSITIVE RESULTS CORPORATION. WE ADDRESS TEEN
6 DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND BULLYING IN YOUTH AND
7 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. WE STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS INITIATIVE
8 AND RESPECTFULLY ENCOURAGE THIS BOARD TO PROVIDE RESOURCES AND
9 FUNDING TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND NONPROFITS SO
10 THAT WE CAN PARTNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
11 MENTAL HEALTH, WHICH WILL SAVE MANY LIVES. WE PARTNER WITH A
12 100 ORGANIZATIONS TO TEACH YOUTH TO BE PEER ADVOCATES AND
13 CREATE AWARENESS, WHICH IS CRUCIAL FOR THE PREVENTION OF
14 VIOLENCE. AND THAT IS FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE
15 AWARENESS MONTH, IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT THIS INITIATIVE IS NOW.
16 AND IT'S TIMELY. MURDER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IS ON THE RISE.
17 95 PERCENT OF MASS SHOOTING IS RELATED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
18 AND EVERY NINE SECONDS, A WOMAN OVER 12 IS THE VICTIM OF
19 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THAT DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE
20 NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT ARE ABUSED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
21 AND THIS INITIATIVE.

22

23 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **JAIME GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. JAIME GARCIA WITH THE HOSPITAL
2 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I WANT TO THANK
3 SUPERVISORS SHEILA KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
4 INTRODUCING TODAY'S MOTION. WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF ESTABLISHING
5 THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED
6 WITH DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3 REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF MEASURE B
7 FUNDS. IN 2007, THIS BOARD APPROVED THE FORMATION OF THE
8 MEASURE B ADVISORY BOARD WHICH WOULD LOOK AT REVIEWING AND
9 APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF UNSPENT MEASURE B DOLLARS. AND SO,
10 I GUESS I'M HERE TO EXPRESS CONCERN REGARDING THAT. AND IF
11 THERE IS A PARALLEL PROCESS, THEN I'M HERE THE ACTUALLY
12 REQUEST RESPECTFULLY THAT THIS BOARD CONSIDER APPROVING A
13 REIMBURSEMENT INCREASE FOR THE TRAUMA, THE NONCOUNTY TRAUMA
14 MEASURE -- NONTRAUMA HOSPITALS, GIVEN THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE
15 NOT HAD A REIMBURSEMENT INCREASE SINCE 2012. THANK YOU VERY
16 MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **NICOLE BROWN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NICOLE BROWN. AND I'M
21 HERE WITH THE URBAN PEACE INSTITUTE, OR U.P.I. FOR YEARS,
22 U.P.I. HAS ADVOCATED FOR A COORDINATED APPROACH TO ADDRESS
23 COMMUNITY VIOLENCE WHICH IS CRITICAL TO ENSURING THE HEALTH
24 AND SAFETY OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND
25 WE APPLAUD YOUR LEADERSHIP IN ESTABLISHING THIS OFFICE. WE ARE

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1 -- L.A. COUNTY IS AT AN IMPORTANT MOMENT OF INNOVATION WHEN
2 IT COMES TO VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND ENDING MASS INCARCERATION.
3 AND AS THE COUNTY MOVES FORWARD, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING.
4 ONE, LINK THE OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION EFFORTS TO
5 EXISTING OFFICES SUCH AS O.D.R. AND THE OFFICE OF YOUTH
6 DIVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE SCOPE,
7 INVEST IN BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY INTERVENTION
8 WORKERS THROUGH THE STANDARDIZED TRAINING AND TECHNICAL
9 ASSISTANCE INCLUDING HAVING STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND FOR
10 PRACTICES FOR WORKERS. THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MUST
11 BE PART OF COORDINATED EFFORTS TO HAVE BUY-IN IN THE LARGER
12 STRATEGY, HOWEVER THEY SHOULD NOT LEAD THE STRATEGY. I THANK
13 YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS MOTION, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
14 CONTINUING TO WORK --

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

17

18 **JOE MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. JOE MAIZLISH, MARRIAGE AND
19 FAMILY THERAPIST. THANK YOU FOR PRESENTING THIS MOTION. MY
20 REMARKS ARE GOING TO BE DIRECTED TO SEEING THAT IT LOOKS AT
21 THE CONTEXT OF THESE EVENTS TO THE CONTEXT OF VIOLENCE. A FEW
22 YEARS AGO, THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO GET IN THE DIAGNOSTIC AND
23 STATISTICS MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS A DEVELOPMENTAL TRAUMA
24 DISORDER, MEANING THAT MANY, MANY THINGS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED
25 LIKE ADDICTIONS, VIOLENT BEHAVIOR, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR,

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1 RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS, ACADEMIC, ALL KINDS OF THINGS SEEM TO
2 HAVE THEIR SOURCES IN SIMILAR THINGS SUCH AS THE VARIOUS KINDS
3 OF ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES. SO I URGE YOU TO LOOK AT THE
4 SOURCES, TOO. IT'S A WHACK A MOLE APPROACH IS DESCRIBED IN AN
5 ARTICLE THAT I SENT YOUR OFFICE A LINK TO. IT'S A COMPLICATED
6 QUESTION, VARIOUS KINDS. SOME PEOPLE WITHDRAW. SOME PEOPLE
7 PASS ON VIOLENCE TO OTHERS, ALL KIND OF DESPERATE MEASURES
8 HARMED PEOPLE MAY TAKE. SO LET'S LOOK AT THE CONTEXT AND DEAL
9 WITH THAT IN A HOLISTIC WAY. I THINK WE'LL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET'S CALL UP ONE MORE PERSON.

12

13 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD KENNETH BATISTE PLEASE STEP FORWARD
14 AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WELL, IF IT'S NOT FOR THE EFFORT OF SOCIALISM,
19 I WOULD STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT SOCIALISM IS NOT THE
20 OPPORTUNITY OF VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. HOWEVER, AND
21 INCIDENTALLY, IT HAS BECOME THAT BECAUSE SOCIALISM HAS BECOME
22 A STATEMENT OF DISTRUST, HATE SPEECH, AND RADICALNESS AGAINST
23 OUR PRESIDENT AND THE PUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
24 BUT NO ONE GIVES A HELL. SOCIALISM IS BECOMING A GREATER
25 THREAT TO AMERICA THAN I AM SIMPLY HERE EXERCISING FREE

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1 SPEECH. AND YET THE DEVICE OF MISS WICKHAM AND HER DEVICE OF
2 L.A. MUNICIPAL CODE AND PENAL CODE [EXPLETIVE] DOESN'T APPLY
3 UNDER 54954 THE BROWN ACT, RIGHT? APPARENTLY IT DOES BECAUSE
4 I'M STILL HERE. YES. THE BROWN ACT AND EVERY FIRST AMENDMENT
5 THAT I AM INITIATING ALONG WITH THE 14TH AMENDMENT, I WILL
6 EXERCISE THAT RIGHT. [EXPLETIVE] SOCIALISM.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. THE FIRST THING YOU HAVE TO
11 DO IF YOU WANT TO SOLVE THIS IS USE PEOPLE WITH THOSE
12 GANGSTERS THEY TRUST. AND THAT'S NOT YOUR PEOPLE. I'VE BEEN IN
13 YOUR TWIN TOWERS, THE OLDEST PERSON TWO TIMES. YOU THREW ME IN
14 WITH 100 LORAZZO BOYS THINKING THEY WOULD KILL ME. OH NO, THEY
15 RECOGNIZED ME. THEY EVEN ASKED ME TO JOIN AFTER I TAUGHT THEM
16 LAW. I HAD ALL THOSE GANGSTERS IN THOSE JAILS, LISTEN CLOSELY,
17 PEOPLE, THEY BEGGED ME. GEORGE, PLEASE HELP US STOP THE
18 VIOLENCE. YOU GOT ABOUT A 10 PERCENT THAT LOVES KILLING,
19 RAPING, AND MAIMING. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CHANGE THEM. IT'S A
20 PART OF STATISTICAL REALITY. THE REST OF IT IS A PART OF, AS
21 MR. JOSEPH MAIZLISH WAS TALKING ABOUT, IT COMES FROM THE
22 PREBIRTH TO PRISON PIPELINE. IF YOU'RE BORN TO A MOTHER THAT'S
23 NO GOOD IN A NO GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD AND A NO GOOD SCHOOL
24 DISTRICT LIKE L.A. UNIFIED WHERE 150,000 DON'T COME TO SCHOOL,
25 YOU HAVE PREDETERMINED THIS GAME THAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** AND YOU'RE AT FAULT.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I SUPPORT THIS O.V.P. I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO GO
9 AHEAD AND GO AT AN EARLY AGE BECAUSE HATE IS COMING AT OUR
10 CHILDREN FASTER THAN THEY KNOW HOW TO REALLY COMPREHEND IT.
11 WHEN THEY GO AHEAD, AND THEY'RE DEALING WITH THINGS THAT THEY
12 SEE ON THE T.V. MY GRANDDAUGHTER, THEY CANNOT EVEN TALK ABOUT
13 THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AT SCHOOL BECAUSE THE
14 SCHOOL IS SPLIT. WHEN THINGS ARE SPLIT, PEOPLE HAVE -- THEY
15 INITIATE HATE. THAT'S THE PROBLEM RIGHT THEN AND THERE. IT'S
16 ALL ABOUT HATE. AND IF WE DON'T GO AHEAD AND GIVE PEOPLE THE
17 THINGS THAT THEY NEED, FOOD, CLOTHING, AND SHELTER, AND WE
18 HAVE CHILDREN GROWING UP UNDER EXTREME VIOLENT CIRCUMSTANCES,
19 THEN THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW, VIOLENCE WILL CONTINUE. SO IT'S
20 A MATTER OF GOING AHEAD AND GETTING TO THEM AT A VERY EARLY
21 AGE. AND WE HAVE TO GO AHEAD AND PROMOTE LOVE IN OUR SOCIETY
22 AS WE ARE THE DIVERSE COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, AND BY OUR
23 DIVERSITY MAKES US THE GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. THANK
24 YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. KIM MCGILL FROM THE
4 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. JUST REAL QUICKLY, L.A. COUNTY IS
5 BETWEEN THREE, FOUR DECADES, IN SOME CASES LONGER, IN THE CASE
6 OF THE EAST COAST, THEY BEGAN THEIR DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH
7 DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, IN THE LATE
8 1800S. AND WHILE I REALLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THIS MOTION,
9 I WORRY THAT, AGAIN, COMPARTMENTALIZING ISSUES AND TRAUMAS
10 THAT WE'VE GONE THROUGH INTO OFFICES OF PREVENTION OR OFFICES
11 OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION IS THE WRONG PATH FORWARD. RATHER THAN
12 THAT, I WOULD URGE YOU TO CONSIDER A DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND
13 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WHERE VIOLENCE IS PART OF WHAT'S LOOKED
14 AT, BUT YOU LOOK AT US IN OUR TOTALITIES. AND THEN GETTING TO
15 WHAT PEOPLE HAVE SAID, THAT THE ONE WAY TO -- THERE'S NO ONE
16 WAY TO CURE VIOLENCE. WE HAVE TO LOOK AT HOUSING, AT
17 EMPLOYMENT, AT EDUCATION, AT ARTS, AT RECREATION. WE DON'T
18 HAVE A HOME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY. THE ONLY HOMES
19 THAT DO EXIST SEE US BASED ON OUR ONE WORST DAY. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KIM. OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO GO TO
22 LANCASTER. HELLO LANCASTER.

23

24 **NICOLE PARSON:** HELLO. OKAY. SO IT LOOKS LIKE WHAT THAT IS IS
25 OKAY. THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS BECAUSE YOU HAVE LIKE THE

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1 CIVILIAN INVESTIGATORS OR THE EDUCATORS AND SO THEN THERE'S
2 LIKE CERTIFICATION AND YOU'LL FIND THAT INSIDE LIKE THE
3 PROBATION'S AREA OF LIKE REQUESTS OR SOMETHING. AND THEN SO
4 AND LIKE THAT LADY SAID, THERE'S LIKE HARMFUL STUFF OUR KID
5 STUFF AND THEN LIKE, I DON'T KNOW. SO AGGRAVATED ASSAULT. AND
6 SO THEN THERE'S A SURCHARGE. BUT I DON'T KNOW AND IT GOES INTO
7 THE SURCHARGE OF THE STATE INDUSTRIAL CERTIFICATE SURCHARGE,
8 WHICH IS LIKE I DON'T KNOW THE CAP AND TRADE. AND THEN LIKE
9 IT'S A CROWDFUND. AND SO LIKE I'M ASKING YOU GUYS TO JOIN LIKE
10 MY B BECAUSE THE PUBLIC SAFETY IS NOT I SLAY YOU. YOU
11 FRANKENSTEIN. YOU BELONG TO ME.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, LANCASTER. OKAY. ARE
14 THOSE ALL THE SPEAKERS FOR THIS ITEM? OKAY. COLLEAGUES, ITEM
15 12 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY
16 SUPERVISOR BARGER. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS TO A UNANIMOUS
17 VOTE, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR -- IT'S
18 APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE
19 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT HELD
20 BY THE SUPERVISORS. YEAH, CALL THOSE MEMBERS UP.

21

22 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
23 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. KENNETH BATISTE HAS
24 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 45-C. REV. DR. MELLO
25 DESIRE HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1-D, 2-D,

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1 6, 8, 14, 16, 17, 18, AND 30. GEORGE BUZZETTI HAS REQUESTED TO
2 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1-D, 3-D, AND 8. ANTONIA RAMIREZ
3 HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS 1-D, 2-D, 3-D, 1-H, 2-H, 1-P, 2, 5,
4 6, 8, 9, 14, 17, 28, 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 43, CS-1, CS-
5 2, CS-3, AND CS-4. ERIC PREVEN HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE
6 BOARD ON ITEMS 1-D, 2-H, 3, 6, 8, 13, 15, 17, 18, 28, 29, 33,
7 34, 37, 41, 45-B, 45-C, CS-2. JOSEPH MAIZLISH HAS REQUESTED TO
8 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 2, 12, AND 16. DR. GENEVIEVE
9 CLAVREUL HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 2-D, 3-D,
10 14, 16, 17, 29, 30, 32, CS-1, AND CS-3. HERMAN HERMAN HAS
11 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 1-D, 2-D, 3-D, 1-H, 2-
12 H, 1-P, 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 26, 28, 29, 32,
13 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 45-A, 45-B, 45-C, 45-D. NICOLE
14 PARSON, ON ITEM 42. RICKER LARSON ON ITEMS 1-D, 2-D, 3-D, 1-H,
15 2-H, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, AND 37.
16 AMANDA STAPLES HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 17.

17
18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YEAH.

19
20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** AND THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE
21 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 13. MARCIA HANDSCOM.
22 DAVID WARREN. DARYL GALE. MARILYN FUSS, ALYSSA MANN, ANNA
23 CHRISTENSEN. AND THESE ARE THE FOLLOWING HAVE REQUESTED TO
24 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 6. KIM MCGILL, FRANCISCO MARTINEZ,

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1 LUPITA CARBALLO, MARKIEL MCNABB, GLORIA GONZALEZ, AND JOHN
2 SAMUELS.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. YOU
7 KNOW, ITEM 41 IS AN L.A. RICKS ITEM WHERE WE'RE GETTING,
8 BELIEVE IT OR NOT, A BUNCH OF ROUTERS, LIKE 5,000 OF THEM TO
9 GO INTO VEHICLES FOR FREE. GRATIS. THIS WAS A BIG RED FLAG
10 BECAUSE THAT WAS THE MOTOROLA PORTABLE RADIO RELATIONSHIP WITH
11 THE FIRST NET PROGRAM. WE ALREADY MADE VERY CLEAR THAT THE
12 BOARD DID NOT DO REAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON THAT. I KNOW JUST
13 FIND WHEN YOU GET FREE STUFF FROM MOTOROLA, A.T.& T., IN A
14 CLIMATE WHEN THE F.B.I. IS THE AT CITY HALL, THAT'S NOT
15 APPROPRIATE BECAUSE IT'S THE SAME GROUP ENGLANDER, KNABE, AND
16 ALLEN WHO REPRESENT ALL THOSE FOLKS UP IN THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT, MIGRATING FROM I.S.D. AND CHANGING THE RULES TO
18 MAKE IT COMPLETE UNFAIR. I THINK THIS A BIG RED FLAG, ITEM 41,
19 I'LL SAY THAT TO MAKE IT CLEAR. NOW WHAT'S NOT A BIG RED FLAG
20 IS THE INCREASE IN DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCES AND
21 REFRESHMENTS. WE'RE INCREASING FROM 5,000 TO 225,000 IN 2017.
22 AND THEN FOR 2018, WE'RE JACKING IT UP TO \$885,000 PER YEAR
23 FOR THE NEXT TO PUT OUT BAGELS AND CUPCAKES. ARE YOU CRAZY?
24 THAT SEEMS REALLY EXCESSIVE TO ME. I DON'T UNDERSTAND. MAYBE
25 THERE'S A NEW NEED TO HAVE SO MANY EXPENSIVE MEETINGS AND

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1 CONFERENCES. I CAN'T IMAGINE. YOU GOT YOUR SOLE SOURCE
2 \$669,000 MEDTRONIC PRODUCT. YOU'VE GOT WHAT LOOKS TO ME LIKE A
3 VICTIMS' RIGHTS ITEM, WHICH I THINK EVERYBODY WANTS TO SUPPORT
4 THAT, THE D.A. BUT THE D.A., AND I WANT TO BE RESPECTFUL HERE,
5 IS ASLEEP AT THE HELM. OKAY THAT'S HOW I SAY IT. I DON'T KNOW
6 WHAT ELSE TO SAY. WE HAVE ACROSS THE STREET AT CITY HALL, THEY
7 HAVE, UNDER MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S LEADERSHIP, HERB WESSON IS
8 SIMPLY VIOLATING PUBLIC SPEAKERS. TODAY, HE TRIED TO HAVE IT
9 MR. PREVEN, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT, THROWN OUT OF THE ROOM FOR
10 WHAT REASON? BECAUSE I WAS CRITICIZING THEM FOR PINNING
11 SOMETHING UP WITHOUT AGENDIZING IT AT ALL. SO WICKHAM, YOU'RE
12 A BROWN ACT SPECIALIST. YOU HAVE TO POST STUFF ON AN AGENDA.
13 IS THAT IT?

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **RICKER LARSON:** HI.

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HI.

20

21 **RICKER LARSON:** MY NAME IS RICKER LARSON. AND I REALLY DON'T
22 WANT TO COME HERE. THE REASON WHY I COME HERE IS BECAUSE I
23 LIVE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I HAVE TWO DECISIONS TO
24 MAKE. DO I WANT TO LIVE IN UTAH, WHERE I WAS ALLOWED TO BE
25 VIOLENTLY MOLESTED AND THE TREATMENT AND THE CHURCH AND THE

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1 PEOPLE TURNED THEIR BACK? OR DO I WANT TO LIVE IN CALIFORNIA,
2 WHERE MY RAPIST IS PRAISED BY THIS COMMITTEE AS A WONDERFUL
3 PERSON? I HAVE THOSE TWO CHOICES. IT'S SCARY FOR ME TO KNOW
4 THAT IF I GET INJURED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THAT IF
5 SOME COUNTY EMPLOYEE HAS SEX WITH ME, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO
6 CALL IT A BEAUTIFUL ACT OF LOVE. THE LAST TIME I WAS RAPED,
7 THEY CALLED IT A BEAUTIFUL ACT OF LOVE. THE POLICE SAID IT WAS
8 RAPE. BUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRED ME FROM MY JOB. AND
9 DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAID TO ME WHEN THEY FIRED ME? THEY SAID
10 TO ME THE REASON WHY THEY CAN LEGALLY FIRE ME IS BECAUSE I
11 MADE DISPARAGING COMMENTS ABOUT MY BOSS THAT WERE NOT TRUE AND
12 THAT THEY CAN PERMANENTLY BAR ME FROM EMPLOYMENT AT THE COUNTY
13 OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE I HAVE A RECORD OF MAKING FALSE
14 ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HIGH LEVEL PEOPLE WITH THE INTENT TO DO
15 MALICE. IS THAT REALLY THIS COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT TODAY, THAT
16 I'M BARRED FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PERMANENTLY BECAUSE
17 I REPORTED RAPE AGAINST WES FORD? I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO SAY
18 IT'S RIGHT OR WRONG. I'M JUST SAYING THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN TOLD
19 TO ME. DO YOU REALIZE THE POLICE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AT EVERY
20 SINGLE CONVERSATION I'VE HAD WITH SHEILA KUEHL'S OFFICE. THEY
21 THREATEN TO ARREST ME FOR ASKING FOR INFORMATION TO SUBMIT TO
22 SOCIAL SECURITY. THEY DID IT WITH MY THERAPIST IN THE ROOM.
23 OKAY. I CALLED -- MY MOTHER CALLED. THEY THREATENED TO HAVE ME
24 BARRED FROM ALL SERVICES FROM THE COUNTY, THIS IS THE
25 SHERIFF'S STATION. AND WHEN I BROUGHT IT TO YOUR ATTENTION,

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1 YOU SAID WE DON'T CARE. SO MS. HAHN, YOU'VE ALWAYS LOOKED ME
2 IN THE EYE. YOU'VE ALWAYS SHOWN ME COMPASSION. AND I
3 APPRECIATE THAT. YOU'VE NEVER DISMISSED OR DIMINISHED ANY OF
4 THE STATEMENTS THAT I'VE MADE IN YOUR MIND. I APPRECIATE THAT.
5 PLEASE LET ME KNOW THAT MY RAPE IS NOT A JOKE. PLEASE LET ME
6 KNOW THAT IF I CALL YOUR OFFICE, I CAN GET AN ANSWER WITHOUT
7 THE POLICE INVOLVED? THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. I WILL GO AHEAD AND CONSOLIDATE 1-
12 H, AND 2-H. IF YOU'RE GOING TO FINANCE THE SITE ACQUISITION,
13 CONSTRUCTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MIRA MONTE APARTMENT AND
14 PALM VIEW APARTMENT OVER 10 MILLION-DOLLARS, THEN DO THE RIGHT
15 THING. NO SUBSIDIZING THEY [EXPLETIVE] OR GANGBANGER OR
16 JUNKIES OR CRIMINAL FELONS AND PIMPS. YOU DEPORT, DEPORT,
17 DEPORT, ALL THE [EXPLETIVE] AND GANGBANGERS. YOU PUT ALL THE
18 JUNKIES IN REHAB. AND YOU HOUSE ALL THE CRIMINAL FELON PIMPS
19 AND DRUG DEALERS. YOU HOUSE THEM IN JAIL OR PRISON. WE, THE
20 TAXPAYERS, HAVE TO LIVE WITH THESE DISASTROUS RESULTS THAT YOU
21 MAKE. AND LOOK AT THE STREETS. THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE OUTSIDE.
22 INSTEAD OF HOUSING OUR MILITARY VETERANS, WE ARE HOUSING ALL
23 THESE CRIMINAL BASTARDS WHO DON'T DESERVE A HOME. AND NUMBER
24 6, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, A CORRUPTED UNETHICAL POLITICIAN, HE
25 ALWAYS BEGS FOR MONEY. YET CRIMES ARE SKY HIGH IN SOUTH

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1 CENTRAL L.A., DOWNTOWN L.A. YOUR BLACK LEADERS AND YOUR LATINO
2 LEADERS HAVE FAILED TO PROPERLY, THAT INCLUDES HILDA SOLIS,
3 YOU HAVE FAILED TO PROPERLY RAISE YOUR BLACK AND LATINO KIDS
4 WHO WILL BE TOMORROW'S DOMESTIC TERRORISTS. TODAY, I'M HAPPY
5 THAT MY PARENTS SPANKED ME WITH A BELT BUCKLE, MY PARENTS AND
6 MY GRANDPARENTS. AND TODAY, I AM HIGHLY DISCIPLINED. I AM NOT
7 A GANGBANGER. I AM NOT A [EXPELTIVE]. I'M NOT A DRUG DEALER.
8 I'M NOT A HO. AND I'M NOT A THIEF. I'M A JUST SIMPLE NERDY
9 MEXICAN. AND BY THE GRACE OF GOD, I THANK MY MOTHER AND FATHER
10 WHO ARE DECEASED. SO I'M SO BLESSED THAT MY PARENTS SPANKED MY
11 ASS, OR I'D BE A DISASTER TODAY. SO GOD BLESS AMERICA, MAN.
12 AND SO, AND, AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO ALSO GO TO THE NUMBER 1-P.
13 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE DO NOT FOLLOW THE MUSIC CENTER
14 GRAND PARK EXAMPLE. LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING THAT THE MUSIC
15 CENTER GRAND PARK HAS NOT IMPLEMENTED THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD
16 PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996. UNDER THE INTERIM DIRECTOR, JULIA
17 DIAMOND, WHO DESERVES A GOOD KICK IN THE ASS AND BOOTED OUT,
18 SHE HAS FAILED MISERABLY KEEPING PUBLIC SAFETY WITHIN THE
19 PARK. THERE'S TOO MANY CRIMES. GOD BLESS AMERICA AND GOD BLESS
20 DONALD TRUMP.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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24 **JOE MAIZLISH:** OKAY. I'LL START WITH A COUPLE OF DEEP BREATHS
25 ON ME FOR EVERYBODY. MY NAME'S JOE MAIZLISH AGAIN STILL. ABOUT

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1 ITEM 2 IT WAS ABOUT THE GENERAL RELIEF, I JUST WANT TO TELL
2 YOU A LITTLE STORY OF SOMETHING I LEARNED AT A BOARD MEETING
3 IN 1993. THE BOARD WAS FEELING PRESSED TO REDUCE THE GENERAL
4 RELIEF PAYMENTS, THE LEVEL OF GENERAL RELIEF PAYMENTS. AND
5 SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS RELUCTANT. AND SHE SAID, YOU KNOW, I
6 WOULD MOVE TO CLOSE THE COUNTY ART MUSEUM INSTEAD IF I THOUGHT
7 I COULD GET A SECOND. WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE TO WAIT
8 FOR A SECOND TO DO SOMETHING RIGHT, EVEN IF IT'S GOING TO
9 LOSE, BUT I LEFT THINKING: EVERY PERSON IS A WORK OF ART. SHE
10 WAS RIGHT. I MEAN WE MAY NOT LIKE THE PICTURE IN SOME CASES,
11 BUT EVERY PERSON IS A WORK OF ART. A COMMENT ON NUMBER 16 IS
12 THE STRUGGLE TO MAINTAIN A CONTINUITY OF THE SERVICES THIS
13 CHILD WAIVER SYSTEM THAT YOU'RE APPEALING FOR FEDERAL HELP
14 FOR. IF YOU CAN'T GET IT FROM THE FEDERALS, GET IT FROM SOME
15 OTHER COUNTY COST. IT'S SO IMPORTANT.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **DAVID WARREN:** MY NAME IS DAVID WARREN. I'M A CONSERVATION
20 SHERIFF FOR THE RIO HONDA GROUP OF THE SIERRA CLUB AND VICE
21 CHAIR FOR RESEARCH OF THE BALLONA WETLANDS RESTORATION
22 COMMITTEE OF THE SIERRA CLUB. WHEN I FIRST SAW THIS ITEM,
23 NUMBER 13, ON THE AGENDA, I THOUGHT THIS SOUNDS HOPEFUL. BUT
24 UPON RESEARCHING THE BACKGROUND, I WAS INFORMED THAT THE STATE
25 COASTAL CONSERVANCY ASKED THAT THE MOTION INCLUDE ADOPTION OF

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1 THE HOPE FOR THE COAST PROGRAM, WHICH, IT APPEARS, WOULD
2 SIGNAL SUPPORT INCREASED OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS AT LOS
3 CERRITOS WETLANDS IN LONG BEACH AND THE BALLONA WETLANDS IN
4 PLAYA DEL REY. ALSO PLANS THAT WOULD HARM THE WILDLIFE HABITAT
5 CONCERN US. SIERRA CLUB DOES NOT SUPPORT EITHER COASTAL
6 CONSERVANCY BACKED PROJECT. WE REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
7 POSTPONED UNTIL WE HAVE TIME TO SEEK LANGUAGE THAT WOULD NOT
8 SIGNAL SUCH SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. I WANTED TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND
13 HAHN FOR CONSIDERING THE COAST WITH THIS ITEM NUMBER 13. AND I
14 WANT TO ASK THE BOARD TO INCLUDE INTERFACING AND CHECKING IN
15 WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION, WHICH HAS APPROVED NEW OIL
16 DRILLING AT THOSE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS THAT THIS GENTLEMAN
17 WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT AT THE EASTERN EDGE OF LONG BEACH. IT'S
18 A WILDLIFE REFUGE AND INDIGENOUS ARTIFACT SITE AND REPUTED TO
19 BE THE BEST SALT MARSH IN THE WHOLE SO. CAL AREA. AND AGAIN
20 OVERSEEING THE COASTAL COMMISSION AND INTERFACING WITH THEM
21 REGARDING MONITORING SEA WATER FOR RADIATION. SAN ONOFRE
22 NUCLEAR POWER PLANT'S SPENT FUEL SITS IN THIN CANISTERS ON THE
23 BEACH JUST ONE COUNTY LENGTH AWAY. SO ON THOSE TWO ISSUES,
24 PLEASE WORK WITH THAT COASTAL COMMISSION, WHICH I FEEL HAS NOT
25 SERVED US WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **DARYL GALE:** HI, I'M DARYL GALE. LAST WEEK, ABOUT NUMBER 13,
5 LAST WEEK, I WENT DOWN TO LONG BEACH TO DO A PRAYER WALK WITH
6 THE INDIGENOUS TONGVA AND VISIT THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS. I
7 WAS HORRIFIED BECAUSE I WAS ALSO WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION
8 IN DECEMBER AND SAW THAT THE COASTAL COMMISSION TOLD A
9 COMPANY, AN OIL COMPANY CALLED B.O.M., THAT THEY COULD JUST GO
10 AHEAD AND DRILL THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS. THIS DOESN'T MAKE
11 ANY SENSE TO ME. ALSO, I'M REALLY GLAD THAT YOU'RE TAKING TIME
12 TO PREPARE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE OCEAN AND OCEAN SEA
13 LEVEL RISE, BUT ALSO THAT COASTAL COMMISSION TOLD SO. CAL
14 EDISON TO GO AHEAD AND PUT THEIR FILTHY NUCLEAR WASTE ON THE
15 BEACH. THEY ALREADY HAVE 27 CANISTERS 100 FEET FROM THE OCEAN
16 JUST SITTING ON THE BEACH. AND THEY WANT TO BRING IT UP TO 79.
17 AND WE REALLY NEED TO FIND ANOTHER PLACE FOR NUCLEAR WASTE,
18 NOT ON THE BEACH. SO PLEASE CONSIDER THAT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARCIA BEFORE YOU SPEAK, WE NEED
21 TO CALL UP ONE MORE, OR SEVERAL MORE?

22

23 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** YEAH, ONE MORE. MICHAEL SAAVEDRA, HE
24 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 6.

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. MARCIA, WELCOME.

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3 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MARCIA HANSCOM WITH THE
4 BALLONA WETLANDS INSTITUTE. AND I'M ALSO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
5 OF THE SIERRA CLUB ANGELES CHAPTER. AT FIRST GLANCE, THIS
6 MOTION NUMBER 13 LOOKS AND SOUNDS GREAT. FOR 30 YEARS, I'VE
7 BEEN A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR COASTAL PROTECTION. SO HOPE FOR THE
8 COAST SOUNDS WONDERFUL. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OF THE LANGUAGE IN
9 THE MOTION, INCLUDING ADVOCATING FOR MITIGATION AND
10 ENHANCEMENT, WHICH HAVE LEGAL DEFINITIONS, CONCERN US,
11 ESPECIALLY SINCE TWO COASTAL ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS SUPPORT
12 ADDING FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE BALLONA WETLANDS IN
13 PLAYA DEL REY AND LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS IN LONG BEACH. I LOVE
14 THAT THE NATURE CONSERVANCY HAS GOTTEN INVOLVED IN L.A. AND
15 THE PUBLIC TRAILS AT THE COASTAL CONSERVANCY HAS DONE GREAT.
16 BUT THESE TWO PROJECTS AT THE COASTAL WETLANDS IN LONG BEACH
17 AND PLAYA DEL REY WILL BE EXTREMELY DAMAGING TO WILDLIFE,
18 WETLANDS, AND GRASSLANDS. AND SO, WE'D LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU
19 PLEASE DELAY THIS ITEM UNTIL LANGUAGE OF SUPPORT FOR THIS
20 PROGRAM CAN BE INSERTED TO CLARIFY WHAT THE BOARD IS REALLY
21 SUPPORTING HERE. THERE WAS A GAS BLOWOUT IN MARINA DEL REY
22 LAST MONTH BECAUSE OF THE GAS INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER THE BALLONA
23 WETLANDS. AND WE DON'T WANT TO SEE ADDITIONAL.

24

25 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME'S UP. THANK YOU, MARCIA.

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2 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** WE'RE MEETING TODAY IN YANGNA, AN ANCIENT COMMUNITY
7 OF THE TONGVA. YANGNA RESIDENTS UNDERSTOOD THE VALUE AND
8 CONNECTION OF ALL LIVING THINGS AS RELATIVES TO BE RESPECTED
9 AND LOVED NOT EXPLOITED AND EXTERMINATED. WHILE ITEM 13 COMES
10 FROM A PLACE OF GOOD INTENTIONS, THE LONG BEACH SIERRA CLUB
11 ASKS THAT THE BOARD POSTPONE ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION UNTIL IT
12 CAN BE PROPERLY VETTED. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL ALLOW IT TO BE
13 MISUSED TO DISGUISE AND PROMOTE THE EXPANSION OF THE FOSSIL
14 FUEL INDUSTRY, POLLUTING AGRICULTURE PROJECTS, AND RESTORATION
15 PROJECTS THAT DESTROY AND DISNEY-FY OUR WETLANDS. THE LOS
16 CERRITOS WETLANDS OIL CONSOLIDATION PROJECT IS A CAUTIONARY
17 TALE FOR THE COUNTY BOARD TODAY. HOW IS IT THAT THREE STATE
18 ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE COASTAL CONSERVANCY AND
19 THE RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY ARE NOW PARTNERING WITH
20 BEACH OIL MINERALS TO DRILL FOR 200 MILLION BARRELS OF OIL
21 UNDER THE LOS CERRITOS, BISECTED RIGHT HERE RED LINE BY
22 NEWPORT-INGLEWOOD FAULT. 200 NEW WELLS WILL INCREASE
23 PRODUCTION FROM 300 TO 24,000 BARRELS A DAY. SO, MORE TO BE
24 CONTINUED.

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF YOU'D LIKE TO TURN IN YOUR
2 WRITTEN REMARKS, WE'LL READ THEM.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I'LL MAIL THEM TO YOU. READ THE PACKETS.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WELL, WE TALKED ABOUT VIOLENCE PREVENTION.
9 THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE IDEA WHAT OUR NEW
10 SHERIFF IS DOING REGARDING HIS FRIEND'S NEW JOB AND
11 APPOINTMENT, RIGHT? WE TALK ABOUT VIOLENCE. LET'S TALK ABOUT
12 IT. LET'S TALK ABOUT WHY THE NEW SHERIFF IS PROTECTING A
13 FRIEND AND BRINGING HIM BACK TO WORK WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF
14 THE PUBLIC. THAT'S A MEDIEVAL CRISIS IN ITS OWN. AND THE
15 CRISIS AMONG THE WORST SITUATION IS THAT OF THE MEDIEVAL
16 CRISIS ON HOMELESSNESS. AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
17 SUFFERING ON OUR STREETS TODAY THREATENED BY DISEASE, TYPHUS,
18 HEPATITIS, AMMONIA. I MIGHT HAVE ONE OF THOSE CONDITIONS. AND
19 I'M COUGHING AND HACKING UP AROUND ALL OF YOU FOR ALL YOU MAY
20 KNOW. YOU CAN'T SEE WHEN A PERSON HAS A.I.D.S. BECAUSE IT
21 DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ON THE OUTSIDE LIKE MAGIC JOHNSON. AND HE'S
22 GOT MONEY TO PAY FOR THE DRUGS. THE REST OF YOU DO NOT. SO
23 WHEN ARE WE GOING TO GET HOUSING IN THIS GODDAMN PLACE? IT'S
24 UPSETTING. IT'S UPSETTING TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE L.A.H.S.A. AT
25 811 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR L.A. SIMPLY

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1 OFFERING YOU A VOUCHER WITH NO INTENT TO PROVIDE HOUSING. WHAT
2 THE HELL'S THAT ALL ABOUT? YOU HEARD THIS COUNCIL SAY IT OVER
3 AND OVER. OH, WE GOT THE MONEY. MEASURE H, H, H, [EXPLETIVE],
4 BUT DOING NOTHING WITH IT, HILDA SOLIS. ONE [EXPLETIVE]
5 BUILDING OVER THERE OFF OF --

6

7 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE.

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9 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER ONE OFF THE GREEN LINE?
10 YOU'RE TEARING DOWN OUR TRAIN STATION OFF OF WILLOWBROOK. THAT
11 IS STUPID.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **AMANDA STAPLES:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. AMANDA STAPLES WITH
16 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION. I JUST WANTED TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT
17 OF THE MADAM CHAIR'S --

18

19 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, HOLD ON A MINUTE. WE CAN HEAR
20 PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE. SO THOSE STAFF MEMBERS THAT ARE
21 WORKING OUT THERE, CAN YOU MAKE SURE PEOPLE AREN'T TALKING?
22 OKAY. GO AHEAD.

23

24 **AMANDA STAPLES:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. JUST IN SUPPORT OF
25 ITEM 17 OF REDUCING FOOD WASTE AND FOOD INSECURITY. I JUST

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1 WANTED TO MENTION A NUMBER OF ISSUES HOW AMERICAN HEART
2 ASSOCIATION IS ENGAGING ON THE ISSUE. FOOD ACCESS IS A MAJOR
3 CONCERN FOR US. IT IS GOING TO BE -- IT IS A KEY PILLAR TO OUR
4 COMMUNITY IMPACT WORK. WE'RE WORKING TO CREATE AND CONTRIBUTE
5 TO THE CREATION OF A MORE EQUITABLE FOOD ENVIRONMENT IN L.A.
6 COUNTY, ENSURING ACCESS TO FRESH AND HEALTHY FOODS. SO WE HAVE
7 BEGUN WORK ALSO WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER
8 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO ELEVATE EXISTING WORK AROUND
9 REDUCING FOOD WASTE, SO WHILE ESTABLISHING NEW ACCESS POINTS
10 FOR FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES. SO WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY
11 TO TAKE PART IN THE UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS AND THE PLANNING
12 DEVELOPMENT. JUST TO MENTION A FEW OF THE PROGRAMS WE'RE DOING
13 IN SOUTH L.A. AND IN EAST L.A., WE DO HOST A NUMBER OF
14 TEACHING GARDENS AND FARMERS MARKETS.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
17 YOU ON THIS.

18

19 **AMANDA STAPLES:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. ALWAYS LISTEN TO MARCIA
24 HANSON. DAMN, DIDN'T WE PREDICT THEY'D HAVE TO BLOW OUT THERE
25 GET SOBER OFF? THE SAME GUY WHO'S THE CRIMINAL WHO ERASED THE

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1 POLICE COMMISSION MEETING ON ME. NOW, YOUTH ACTIVITIES LEAGUE,
2 VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOUTH, OKAY? WE GOT TO GET THEM OFF THE
3 STREET AND GIVE THEM SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO. SO WHY DID YOU
4 MESS WITH ME AND MELLO PUTTING ON OUR YOUTH ACTIVITIES THAT WE
5 HAD TO DO OUTSIDE THAT I VIDEOED THAT YOU CAN WATCH AND WATCH
6 THE WONDERFUL STUFF THAT THE YOUNG CHILDREN DID THAT YOU TRIED
7 TO STOP THAT WE'RE STILL TRYING TO DO, OKAY? NOW LET'S GO TO
8 THE BIG MONEY, THE HOUSING THAT CREATES THIS MESS. YOU ARE
9 PURPOSELY CREATING MASSIVE DEPRESSION AND DEATH IN PEOPLE
10 BECAUSE, AS YOU GOT UP HERE AND BRAGGED, YOU SPENT OVER SIX
11 YEARS, 1.7 BILLION, TO BUILD 3362 UNITS FOR \$505,684 EACH.
12 YOU'RE RIGHT NOW BUILDING FOR 250 TO \$600,000 EACH. I GAVE YOU
13 A BID FROM GIANT CONTAINERS FOR CONTAINER HOUSES THAT WON'T GO
14 OVER IN A 9 OR 10 EARTHQUAKE, THE ONLY THING THAT WILL BE
15 STANDING, FOR \$65,000 EACH. AND I MET A CONTRACTOR HERE TO
16 PRESENT IT TO YOU FOR \$45,000 EACH, WHICH MEANS WE COULD HAVE
17 GOTTEN MR. HERMAN INTO A UNIT AND 24,000 MORE PEOPLE. ONLY
18 YOU'RE PORKING YOUR CONTRACTORS. AND WHEN I GET DONE WITH ALL
19 OF YOU, DID YOU SEE MR. RICARDO GARCIA'S FACE WHEN I PUT IT TO
20 HIM? HE'S GOING TO PRISON, BABY. AND YOU, TOO BECAUSE I THINK
21 YOU'RE STARTING TO FIGURE OUT THAT THAT FEDERAL CASE I LAID IT
22 ON YOU IS SERIOUS. AND IF YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN HAVE TWO
23 ATTORNEYS WHO AREN'T LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW PROSECUTE ME AND
24 KEEP ME IN THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT WHEN I WAS DECLARED

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1 COMPETENT FOR THE FOURTH TIME JULY OF LAST YEAR. YOU'RE THE
2 INSANE PEOPLE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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6 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE.

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD. IT HELPS
9 IF YOU START TALKING IMMEDIATELY. GO AHEAD. IT'S SHOCKING, I
10 KNOW, BUT JUST TALK.

11

12 **ALYSSA MANN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALYSSA MANN, AND I
13 REPRESENT THE NATURE CONSERVANCY. MY COLLEAGUE AND I ARE HERE
14 TODAY TO VOICE OUR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION BEFORE
15 YOU ADOPTING A BOLD VISION FOR CALIFORNIA'S FUTURE WHICH WE
16 CALL HOPE FOR THE COAST. CALIFORNIANS LOVE THIS INCREDIBLE
17 COASTLINE AND HAVE VOTED AGAIN AND AGAIN TO PROTECT IT.
18 BECAUSE OF THIS STRONG COMMITMENT TO OUR COAST, OVER 1/3 OF
19 OUR COASTLINE IS CONSERVED, PROTECTING INCREDIBLE HABITAT AND
20 MORE THAN 150 THREATENED, RARE, AND ENDANGERED SPECIES. BUT
21 WITH 5 FEET OF SEA LEVEL RISE, THE COAST OF TOMORROW WILL NOT
22 LOOK LIKE TODAY'S COAST. 59 PERCENT OF COASTAL HABITAT ACROSS
23 THE COAST OF CALIFORNIA IS VULNERABLE, INCLUDING OVER 41,000
24 ACRES OF ALREADY CONSERVED LAND THAT IS PROJECTED TO BE
25 SUBMERGED WITH 5 FEET OF SEA LEVEL RISE. THAT MEANS THE VERY

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1 INVESTMENTS IN CONSERVATION THAT WE HAVE COLLECTIVELY MADE
2 OVER THE YEARS ARE UNDER THREAT. BUT THERE IS HOPE. WITH
3 SUSTAINED, COORDINATED EFFORT, OUR STUDY SHOWS THAT WE CAN
4 HAVE AS MUCH OR MORE COASTAL HABITAT WITH 5 FEET OF SEA LEVEL.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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8 **ALYSSA MANN:** OH, WOW.

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10 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** I KNOW. IT WENT BY FAST. I KNOW. NEXT
11 SPEAKER, PLEASE. BUT IF YOU HAVE MORE WRITTEN TESTIMONY THAT
12 YOU'D LIKE FOR US TO READ, WE WILL READ IT IF YOU WANT TO TURN
13 IT IN. OKAY.

14

15 **GLORIA GONZALEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS GLORIA GONZALEZ.
16 AND I'M WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AND I REALLY WANT TO
17 THANK AND APPRECIATE CARLA KATONA AND MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
18 ON ITEM 6, WHICH IS THE BUILDING, THE KENYON COURT BUILDING.
19 WE ARE GREATLY, GREATLY, LIKE, WE'RE REALLY EXCITED. AND WE
20 FEEL REALLY GRATEFUL TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY, TO BE HONEST
21 WITH YOU, AND REALLY APPRECIATE IT. BUT I DON'T KNOW IF
22 THERE'S A WAY FOR US TO BE ABLE TO PURCHASE THE BUILDING AND
23 NOT HAVE TO BE HOMELESS 10 YEARS FROM NOW OR 15 YEARS FROM
24 NOW. AND I'M SAYING THAT BECAUSE AS IT'S -- AS DIFFICULT AS
25 IT'S GOING TO BE NOW TO, YOU KNOW, MOVE THE YOUNG PEOPLE, THE

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1 SCHOOL, THE COMMUNITY CENTER, AND ALL THE ACTIVITIES THAT GO
2 ON, IT WOULD ALSO BE REALLY HARMFUL TO THEN HAVE TO MOVE
3 AGAIN, RIGHT? AND TO THEN HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'RE GOING
4 TO DO AND WHAT THESE PEOPLE THAT HAVE REALLY BENEFITED,
5 INCLUDING MYSELF -- I GREW UP IN THE SPACE, RIGHT? WHAT IT
6 WILL LOOK LIKE TO LOSE THE SPACE AGAIN. SO IF YOU COULD JUST -
7 -

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

10

11 **MICHAEL SAAVEDRA:** HI, MY NAME IS MICHAEL SAAVEDRA. AND I WORK
12 AT THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY
13 FIRSTHAND HOW I'VE SEEN SINCE I'VE BEEN WORKING THERE, IT
14 REALLY HAS CHANGED THE LIVES OF YOUTH THAT WE WORK WITH. AND
15 IT IS A VERY GREAT PROGRAM. AND I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, BEING
16 ABLE TO KEEP THIS SPACE FURTHER DOWN THE LINE WOULD REALLY
17 COUNT AND REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
18 AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS PROPOSAL.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT SHORT SPEECH. OKAY, NEXT
21 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **LUPITA CARBALLO:** HELLO, MY NAME IS LUPITA. AND I'M WITH THE
24 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I WANT TO THANK CARLA KATONA AND MARK
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THIS ITEM NUMBER 6. I WANT TO THANK SO MUCH

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1 FOR HAVING THE BUILDING. AND I JUST WANT TO CARRY ON WHAT
2 GLORIA SAID. IF WE CAN CONTINUE HAVING THIS BUILDING IN A
3 SHORT MATTER OF TIME AT THE BUILDING THAT WE'RE AT, I LEARNED
4 HOW TO WRITE MY OWN PLAY. I'VE BEEN ON MY OWN PLAY. WE DID A
5 MOVIE. AND I'VE LEARNED HOW TO DO COMMUNITY ORGANIZING. I
6 LEARNED HOW TO DO COMMUNITY DEFENSE. SO, AS MUCH AS I LEARN, I
7 WANT OTHER YOUTH TO KNOW AS MUCH AS I KNOW. AND I'VE ALWAYS
8 WANTED TO BECOME -- I'M BECOMING A PERSON I ALWAYS LOOKED FOR
9 AS I WAS A LITTLE GIRL. SO I WANT TO CONTINUE HAVE THESE
10 RESOURCES TO THE COMMUNITY I GREW UP IN, ESPECIALLY AT THE NEW
11 PLACE THAT WE ARE GOING TO MOVE TO. I GREW UP IN THAT AREA, SO
12 I JUST WANT TO REALLY APPRECIATE YOU FOR HAVING US THAT
13 BUILDING. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD EVENING. ALSO, I'LL JUST MAKE IT QUICK
18 BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE SAID THINGS MUCH MORE ELOQUENTLY THAN I
19 COULD. BUT JUST REALLY WANT TO APPRECIATE CARLY KATONA. I WISH
20 SHE WAS HERE. SHE'S WORKED ON THIS TREMENDOUSLY OVER THREE
21 YEARS, TO MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WHO FIRST TALKED TO US PROBABLY
22 FIVE YEARS AGO, TO EVERYONE HERE ON THE BOARD THAT'S WILLING
23 TO VOTE FOR SOMETHING THAT'S NOT IN YOUR DISTRICT. HOPEFULLY,
24 WE CAN MAKE THIS A REALITY FOR YOUTH ALL OVER THE COUNTY.
25 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KIM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SHOW
5 APPRECIATION FOR THE SPACES THAT WE'VE BEEN PROVIDED. THE
6 SPACE THAT WE ARE IN RIGHT NOW THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY USING HAS
7 TAUGHT ME A LOT. I'VE LEARNED A LOT THERE, NOT JUST IN
8 MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN A SCHOOL SETTING, BUT
9 ALSO IN A STREET SETTING, AS WELL, WHERE IT'S MOST NEEDED,
10 ESPECIALLY IN AN AREA LIKE MINE. I LOOK FORWARD TO GOING TO
11 THE NEW SPACE BECAUSE I KNOW IT'S LIKE A NEW BEGINNING. WE'RE
12 GOING TO LEARN NEW THINGS, DO BETTER THINGS TOGETHER. AND IT'S
13 A BIGGER SPACE, SO WE'RE EXPECTING MORE PEOPLE TO TEACH. AND
14 THE THINGS WE'RE GOING TO TEACH THEM IS GOING TO HELP THEM IN
15 THE LONG RUN JUST AS IT'S HELPED ME OUT OF CERTAIN SITUATIONS
16 WHERE IF I DIDN'T HAVE THAT KNOWLEDGE AS I HAD -- LIKE I WAS
17 BEFORE, I'D HAVE UPSET MYSELF AND PROBABLY DONE SOMETHING
18 RASH. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** TALKING ABOUT 1-D, I THINK THAT THIS AFTER DARK, JUST
23 SPORTS PROGRAMS, PERIOD, WORKING IN JUVENILE HALL, FIRST TIME
24 GOING AHEAD PLAYING WITH KIDS, PLAYING SOFTBALL, WELL, IF
25 THOSE KIDS WERE PLAYING SOFTBALL/BASEBALL WHEN THEY WAS

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1 YOUNGER, THEY MIGHT NOT BE IN GANGS TODAY. FOOTBALL ALSO.
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CHEERLEADERS, THINGS SPORTS LIKE THIS GO
3 AHEAD AND SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN. AND THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT
4 WE NEED TO GO AHEAD AND DO TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE IT BETTER FOR
5 OUR CHILDREN, MAKING SURE THAT THEY HAVE THOSE ESSENTIAL FOOD,
6 CLOTHING, SHELTER, AND OTHER INTERESTS SO THAT THE STREETS
7 JUST DON'T GOBBLE THEM UP. WE HAVE TO TEACH THEM TO
8 COMMUNICATE. WE HAVE TO TEACH THEM TO REACH ACROSS RACIAL
9 LINES. WE HAVE TO GO AHEAD AND JUST GO THE EXTRA MILE. AND
10 THAT PART, AND LAST, I'LL CLOSE BY LETTING MY GRANDDAUGHTER
11 CLOSE SAYING SOMETHING TO YOU. SAY IT.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** NI HAO (SPEAKING MANDARIN).

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15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, THAT WAS IN MANDARIN.

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17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOW, XIE XIE. THANK YOU. OKAY, WE'RE GOING
18 TO LANCASTER. HELLO, LANCASTER.

19

20 **NICOLE PARSON:** HI, HELLO, MS. HAHN.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** HI.

23

24 **NICOLE PARSON:** HI, I LIKE YOU. SO OKAY. SO WE'RE GOING TO
25 START. OKAY. SO THIS IS GOING TO JUST BE BASED ON LOWERING THE

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1 PRESCRIPTION COSTS AND IT'S NOT HOLISTIC OPTIONS. AND THEN WE
2 TALK ABOUT THE TIME ZONES. LIKE WE MAYBE SHOULDN'T CHANGE THE
3 TIME ZONES BECAUSE IT'S MESSING WITH THE -- OUR ACTUAL WEATHER
4 AND STUFF. AND THE TIME. WE HAVE EXISTENCE AND A COEXISTENCE,
5 RIGHT? SO IT'S LIKE THEN YOU CAN COUNT IN YOUR HEAD, AND THEN
6 YOU SEE THE DIGITS CHANGE LIKE 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. SO IT'S A
7 COMMUNICATION THING. AND SO LIKE, REALLY, AND IT'S ABOUT
8 TRANSMITTING AND CASTING AND COMMUNICATION. AND BUT, SEE, THE
9 THING IS THAT LIKE SOME PEOPLE JUST BELIEVE THAT, YOU KNOW,
10 COLLEGE IS A PLACE TO --

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, LANCASTER. OKAY. THERE'S NO
13 SPECIALS AT THIS TIME.

14

15 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** WE HAVE TO TAKE A VOTE.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OH, WE HAVE TO TAKE A VOTE. PLEASE TELL US
18 WHAT'S BEFORE US.

19

20 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE ITEMS 1-D, 2-D,
21 3-D, 1-H, 2-H, 1-P, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21,
22 26, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 45-A, 45-
23 B, 45-C, AND 45-D.

24

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1 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. MOVED BY
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. NOW IT'S AN
4 OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
5 ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE NOT WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER --
6 THAT ARE WITHIN. SOMETIMES, I FORGET WHEN THEY GET UP THERE IF
7 THEY'RE WITHIN OUR SUBJECT MATTER OR NOT. SO WITHIN OUR
8 SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THIS BOARD. PLEASE CALL UP
9 THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
12 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU.
13 ANTONIA RAMIREZ, CARLOS FERNANDEZ. DR. ANYA SNOW. ERIC PREVEN.
14 GEORGE BUZZETTI. GRACE WILBUR. HERMAN HERMAN. JAMES ESSEX.
15 JOSEPH MAIZLISH. KENNETH BATISTE. KEVIN ORANGE. PRISILLA
16 SILVA. RED CHIEF HUNT. REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE, RICKER
17 LARSON, AND TIM SMITH.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
20 DISTRICT. AND I KNOW JUST WANT TO IMPORE ONE MORE TIME,
21 WICKHAM, CEO HAMAI, WE DO NEED TO SEE THE COUNTY RISK AND COST
22 OF LITIGATION REPORTS. THEY'RE BEING KICKED DOWN THE ROAD.
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS A LEADER GOING BACKWARDS TO SAY WE'RE NOT
24 EVEN GOING TO HEAR IT OUT LOUD A YEAR AGO, WHICH IS NOT
25 ACCEPTABLE. YOU HEARD TODAY IN PROBATION WITH THE PEPPER SPRAY

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1 THAT THERE'S APPARENTLY PROBATION HAS ALSO SOME PEOPLE WHO A
2 HIGH PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE MISSING WORK. THOSE ARE THE
3 KINDS OF NUMBERLESS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE ACCESS TO. I WOULD
4 ASK WICKHAM, ONCE AGAIN, TO TALK WITH KUEHL AND TO AGREE THAT
5 WE ARE GOING TO MAKE A REPORT. STEVE ESTERBROOK, THE MAN LIVES
6 FOR THAT. SO, LET'S LET HIM COME DOWN AND REPORT AND LET THE
7 PUBLIC IN ON IT. FOR THE SHERIFF, WHO I KNOW YOU'RE GRAPPLING
8 WITH, HE HAS BEEN SOLICITOUS TO WOMEN GROUPS IN THE DEMOCRATIC
9 PARTY TRYING TO GET PEOPLE ON BOARD. WE ASKED HIM, "WILL YOU
10 PROVIDE THE CUSTODY DIVISION MANUAL?" HE SAID, "I ALREADY DO."
11 AND NO, HE DOESN'T. SO, WICKHAM, WOULD YOU CHECK WITH HIM ON
12 THAT? AND THE OTHER THING IS P.O.S.T. THAT'S THE POLICE
13 OFFICERS TRAINING. WE WANT TO SEE THE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING
14 VIDEO. JONATHAN SHERIN IS THE NEW MENTAL HEALTH GUY. EVERYBODY
15 LOVES HIM, BUT WE GOT TO SEE THE VIDEO BECAUSE IF 99 PERCENT
16 OF OUR DEPUTIES ARE TRAINED ON IT, WE WANT TO KNOW --

17

18 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANKS. I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING THAT.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. I WISH WE HAD A GREAT AND
25 HONORABLE L.A.P.D. CHIEF, DARRYL GATES, WHO NEVER REWARDED THE

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1 [EXPLETIVE] CRIMINALS LIKE THE L.A.P.D. CHIEF, MICHAEL MOORE,
2 DOES. HE IS A FAILURE IN PUBLIC SAFETY. CHIEF DARRYL GATES,
3 MAY YOU REST IN PEACE. YOU DID A GREAT JOB IN PUBLIC SAFETY.
4 YOU KEPT US SAFE. INCIDENTALLY, THE HOLLYWOOD BISEXUAL
5 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY THAT IS RUN BY [EXPLETIVE],
6 [EXPLETIVE], [EXPLETIVE], PIMPS, CRACKHEADS, PEDOPHILES,
7 TWISTED PERVERTED THIEVES, AND MASONIC [EXPLETIVE], LET'S NOT
8 FORGET THE BIG ENCHILADAS WHO RUN THESE PERVERTED CRIMINAL
9 VISUAL ENTERPRISES. BUT YOUR [EXPLETIVE], DEN OF THIEVES, YOUR
10 SATANIC ELITE [EXPLETIVE] JEWS.

11

12 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** PLEASE WATCH YOU WERE LANGUAGE. PLEASE WATCH
13 YOU WERE LANGUAGE.

14

15 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** YES, THEY ESPOUSE VIOLENCE, HIGH CRIMES,
16 DRUGS, ROCK AND ROLL, GANG STALKING, CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN,
17 THEFT, THEFT, THEFT. THEY ALSO ESPOUSE AND PERPETRATE GANG
18 VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY AND THE DESTRUCTION OF
19 PRESIDENT TRUMP AND AMERICA. THEY PROTECT THE LATINO
20 [EXPLETIVE] GANGBANGERS. AND ALSO DON'T FORGET THE OSCAR
21 AWARDS WILL BE HELD IN SKID ROW, WHICH THEY CREATED IN THEIR
22 IMMORAL DEPRAVED --

23

24 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. GO AHEAD. GO AHEAD,
25 NEXT SPEAKER.

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1

2 **DR. ANYA SNOW:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M DR. ANYA SNOW
3 WITH THE COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS. I'M HERE ON
4 BEHALF OF 1500 RESIDENT PHYSICIANS WHO SIGNED OFF ON THEIR
5 CONTRACT BACK IN DECEMBER AND RATIFIED. WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR
6 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO RATIFY ON THEIR END SO THEY CAN ENJOY
7 THEIR NEW BENEFITS. I'M JUST HERE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THIS
8 AFTERNOON WE DROPPED OFF SEVERAL HUNDRED SIGNATURES URGING A
9 SPEEDY RESOLUTION TO ANY DELAYS THAT HAVE HAPPENED. AND YOU
10 ALL HAVE RECEIVED COPIES OF THESE HUNDREDS OF SIGNATURES IN
11 YOUR EMAILS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **JOE MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, JOE MAIZLISH AGAIN. THIS IS AN
16 OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO STEP BACK A LITTLE. I THOUGHT THERE WAS
17 TWO MINUTES SAVED FOR THIS. WOULD YOU PLEASE CHECK BECAUSE I
18 HAD ONE MINUTE FOR THAT OTHER? BUT, ANYWAY, NOW TIME'S GOING.
19 TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOARD PROCESS. I KNOW YOU FOLKS GOT A LOT
20 TO DO. BUT MAYBE THIS CAN ELEVATE A LITTLE BIT THE WAY THAT
21 SOME OF THE AGENDA ITEMS ARE PREPARED. LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED.
22 FEBRUARY THE 8TH AT 8 P.M. THERE WAS POSTED FOR THE PUBLIC A
23 MAJOR SWITCH IN THE LARGEST CAPITAL PROJECT IN COUNTY HISTORY
24 TO BE VOTED ON, OR DISCUSSED, ON TUESDAY MORNING. NOW, WE SEE
25 GOVERNMENT OF AND FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE, YOU KNOW. YOU GUYS

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1 LEGISLATORS. YOU'RE THE EXECUTIVE. YOU DON'T HOLD THE USUAL
2 LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS LIKE YOU'VE SEEN WHEN YOU WERE IN OTHER
3 POSITIONS, MANY OF YOU. AND I WANT BUY-IN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
4 OR GET TO AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO IT. MAYBE THINGS COULD HAVE
5 BEEN IMPROVED AND WE WOULD HAVE COME OUT WITH SOMETHING
6 UNANIMOUS LAST WEEK, I DON'T KNOW. BUT --

7

8 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **JOE MAIZLISH:** I THINK THERE'S A CORRECTION, THOUGH, BECAUSE OF
11 THE TIME THAT I SHOULD HAVE HERE.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT.

14

15 **JOE MAIZLISH:** ANYWAY, YOU GET THE IDEA. PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **HERMAN HERMAN:** SO YOU SEE, WE LIVE BY EXAMPLE AND BY OUR
20 PRESENTATION. HOWEVER, SEBASTIAN RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHECK YOURSELF
21 BEFORE YOU WRECK YOURSELF. THAT'S A TRUE STATEMENT FROM
22 SACRAMENTO. WHEN YOU [EXPLETIVE] UP. NOW, I HATE TO POINT OUT
23 MY VULGARITY, BUT IT'S THE ONLY INTENSIFIER I FIND ATTRACTING
24 THE AUDIENCE TO HEAR WHAT FIRST AMENDMENT AND YOUR PROTECTED
25 SPEECH TRULY IS ALL ABOUT. IF YOU KNOW YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE

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1 FIRST AMENDMENT, IF YOU ARE LIKE DONALD TRUMP AND SPEAK OUT
2 LIKE I SPEAK OUT, WHY SHOULD WE BE SUPPRESSED? WHY SHOULD
3 ANYONE CHALLENGE THE FIRST AMENDMENT? 42 U.S.C 1983, WHY WOULD
4 YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THAT? IN ADDITION TO THAT, UNDER THE
5 SECRET SO-CALLED MISSION OF L.A. CITY HALL, THEY ARE ASKING
6 THAT DONALD TRUMP NOT HAVE THE WALL BUILT. BUT YOU, THE
7 AMERICAN PEOPLE, ARE SAYING YES.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER.

10

11 **RICKER LARSON:** HI, MY NAME IS RICKER LARSON. YOU KNOW, I'M
12 HERE BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT RAPE IS WRONG. YOU KNOW, WHEN I
13 WAS TIED UP AND MOLESTED AS A KID, MY CHILD MOLESTER CLAIMED
14 IT WAS WRESTLING. AND WHEN THE MORMON CHURCH HEARD IT WAS
15 WRESTLING, THEY SAID WE'RE SORRY. WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT
16 IT. BUT WHEN 24 OTHER PEOPLE BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION THAT
17 IT WASN'T WRESTLING, THEY STOPPED CALLING IT WRESTLING. I
18 WOULD LIKE THIS COUNTY TO STOP CALLING WHAT HAPPENED TO ME
19 ACCEPTABLE. I WAS RAPED WHEN I COULDN'T EVEN WALK. I WAS RAPED
20 WHEN I COULDN'T SIT UP. IF MY JAW WAS BROKEN AND SOMEBODY
21 ENGAGED IN ORAL SEX WITH ME TWO DAYS AFTER THE ACCIDENT WITH
22 MY JAW SHATTERED, IS THAT ANY DIFFERENT THAN ENGAGING IN ANAL
23 SEX WITH SOMEONE WHEN THEY HAVE A BROKEN PELVIS IN TWO PLACES?
24 DO YOU REALLY THINK YOUR EMPLOYEE DIDN'T HURT ME? WELL, I'LL
25 TELL YOU WHO HURT ME MORE. MY BOSS WHEN SHE LAUGHED IN MY FACE

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1 AND FIRED ME. THAT HURT ME FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. I'VE
2 FAILED AT EVERYTHING I'VE DONE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI. WE SHOULD LISTEN TO A MAN
7 LIKE THIS. AND IT'S TIME THAT ALL ARE HELD EQUAL BEFORE THE
8 LAW INCLUDING ALL OF YOU AND MARY, THE WICKED WITCH, WICKHAM.
9 OKAY? THIS IS SERIOUS. DID YOU SEE THE LOOK ON RICARDO
10 GARCIA'S FACE? HE FINALLY FIGURED OUT HE'S DEALING WITH A
11 SERIOUS FOOL HERE. HE WASN'T EVEN BORN WHEN I STARTED IN LAW
12 BEING TAUGHT BY FOUR PEOPLE ON HOMICIDES INCLUDING A COP
13 KILLER CASE WITH A TON OF COKE. NOW, WHAT DO YOU THINK THOSE
14 LAWYERS TAUGHT ME? YOU HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED TO SEE MY LEGAL
15 SKILLS. WHEN YOU SAY I'M INCOMPETENT AND YOU WANT TO SIC TWO
16 LAWYERS ON ME TO PROSECUTE ME WHO DON'T EVEN HAVE BAR LICENSES
17 ACCORDING TO THE STATE BAR. FOUR TIMES DECLARED COMPETENT,
18 STRAPPED DOWN AT CEDAR SINAI ILLEGALLY, WHAT KIND OF MONEY DO
19 YOU THINK YOU'LL BE PAYING ME?

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. NEXT SPEAKER, GO AHEAD.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YES, IN CLOSING, I'VE COME HERE THIS TIME FOR MY
24 PARTICULAR SITUATION. THERE'S A VIDEOTAPE. I SAID THERE WAS AN
25 INVESTIGATION. I ASKED FOR AN INVESTIGATION. THERE WAS A

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1 VIDEOTAPE. MS. SOLIS, I WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO GO AHEAD AND
2 LOOK AT THIS ONE. I KNOW YOU SAW A WHOLE BUNCH OF THEM. BUT
3 THIS ONE RIGHT HERE, WHEN YOU SEE A FEMALE STAFF HIT, KICKED,
4 AND CHOKED, THEN YOU START TO GO AHEAD AND SEE HOW THE
5 VELOCITY OF HATE CAN GO AHEAD AND BE. WHEN YOU SEE THAT WHEN A
6 KID IS PEPPER SPRAYED FOUR TIMES, AND IT DOESN'T WORK, AND HE
7 CONTINUES TO GO AHEAD AND BE COMBATIVE, THEN YOU START TO GO
8 AHEAD AND SEE WHAT THE -- HOW ALL OF THESE INSTRUMENTS SHOULD
9 WORK FOR THE GOOD. SO THE REASON I'M ASKING THIS RIGHT HERE,
10 MS. HAHN, I'M ASKING YOU TO GO GET THE TAPE. THEY DON'T WANT
11 YOU TO SEE IT. GO GET THE TAPE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DO YOU HAVE OTHERS TO CALL UP?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE NICOLE PARSON IN LANCASTER.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. HELLO, LANCASTER.

18

19 **NICOLE PARSON:** HELLO.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

22

23 **NICOLE PARSON:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THE PUBLIC SAFETY, JUST KNOW,
24 I THINK I SAID IT, BUT IT BEING INDUCTED INTO THE BOOKS
25 LEGALLY THAT I KNOW THAT THAT PUBLIC SAFETY IS THE OFFICERS

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1 THAT I CREATED FROM LANCASTER. AND THEY'RE JUST LIKE MORBID
2 BEASTS. NO, NOT JUST ON LIKE CHANGING THE TIME TYPE BECAUSE IF
3 YOU HAVE A BIRD THAT, IT DOESN'T, IT'S NOT RIGHT, THEN THE
4 CREATOR, LIKE THE LOBBYIST, THEN IT DOESN'T FLY RIGHT. AND
5 THEY REALLY SHOULD BE, IF ANYTHING, CITY SECURITY BY TEACHING
6 THE KIDS IN THE MOCK, IN THE MOCK TRIALS, FOR EVEN CASH. BUT
7 THERE'S JUST A METHOD. AND I WAS SAYING THAT RIGHT NOW THE
8 COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS LIKE BASICALLY SOMEONE'S BELIEVING THAT
9 WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS THAT THE KIDS ARE GOING TO GET FREE
10 BUS TOKENS, GO THERE, GET SCREENED, GET ON MEDICARE, KNOW HOW
11 TO GET FREE DRUGS.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. HELLO. HI,
14 JAMES.

15

16 **JAMES ESSEX:** OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE FIVE
17 PRINCIPLE THINGS THAT'S NECESSARY TO SUPPORT LIFE. AND WE HAVE
18 AIR, OXYGEN. WE HAVE COOL WATER. WE HAVE GOOD FOOD, SECURE
19 SHELTER. THESE ARE THE FEMININE NOURISHING PRINCIPLES THAT
20 COMPRISE FOUR FIFTHS OF THIS BODY, FOUR FIFTHS OF THE OCEAN,
21 AND FOUR FIFTHS THE LAND. FOUR FIFTHS OF WHAT WE CALL HOME IS
22 THE OCEAN. THE OCEAN IS ABSORBING FOUR FIFTHS OF THE EXTRA
23 HEAT. AND THE GLACIERS ARE MELTING. AND THE OCEAN IS GOING TO
24 RISE. NOW, THE BEST THING THAT I'VE EVER THOUGHT OF IS THAT
25 PLANTS EAT C.O.2, AND THEY GIVE US OXYGEN. SO WE REALLY CRACK

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1 ON PUTTING THESE PLANTS ROUND HERE, THEY'LL EAT ALL THE C.O.2.

2 AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO BREATHE FREE.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GOOD IDEA. ARE THOSE ALL OF THE
5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WANT TO ADDRESS US?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** ARE YOU SURE?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S TIME FOR -- IT WOULD BE
14 APPROPRIATE TO DO OUR ADJOURNMENTS AND WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE
15 FIRST DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
18 ADJOURN WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALMA BRITO. ALMA BRITO WAS
19 BORN ON SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1959, AND PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 31ST,
20 2019 AT THE AGE OF 59. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE
21 FIRST DISTRICT IN LA PUENTE AND WAS THE MOTHER OF JANET BRITO
22 FROM OUR I.S.D. FAMILY. ALMA WAS REMEMBERED FOR BEING A LOVING
23 WIFE AND CARING MOTHER. SHE LOVED TO PARTICIPATE IN EVERY
24 HOLIDAY AND WOULD ALWAYS DRESS FOR THE OCCASION, ESPECIALLY
25 WITH HER COLLEAGUES. EVERYONE WHO CAME TO KNOW HER KNEW THAT

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1 SHE HAD A VERY OUTGOING SPIRIT. ALMA WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
2 BEING AN AMAZING COOK AND FOR BEING A CARING AND LOYAL FRIEND
3 TO ALL. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JAVIER, AND THREE
4 CHILDREN, YADIRA, MICHAEL, AND JANET. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
10 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK ROBINSON, GREAT
11 BASEBALL PLAYER AND MANAGER, WHO DIED ON FEBRUARY 7TH. HE HIT
12 586 HOME RUNS. HE WAS THE FIRST BLACK MANAGER IN THE MAJOR
13 LEAGUES. HE WAS THE ONLY PLAYER TO WIN THE MOST VALUABLE
14 PLAYER AWARD IN BOTH THE NATIONAL AND AMERICAN LEAGUES. HE
15 DEBUTED AS A MANAGER WITH THE CLEVELAND INDIANS IN 1975,
16 MANAGED VARIOUS TEAMS DURING 16 SEASONS. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE
17 BASEBALL HALL OF FAME IN 1982 AND WAS PRESENTED WITH THE
18 PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM BY PRESIDENT BUSH IN 2005. HE'S
19 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BARBARA ANN, AND HIS TWO CHILDREN, FRANK
20 KEVIN AND NICHELLE. AND, YES, HE DID LIVE IN THE THIRD
21 DISTRICT. AND WE'RE PROUD OF HIM. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
22 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HEIDI TOFFLER, AN
23 AUTHOR AND BUSINESSWOMAN. SHE CO-WROTE "FUTURE SHOCK" WITH HER
24 HUSBAND ALVIN, ALTHOUGH SHE WAS NOT ORIGINALLY CREDITED FOR
25 HER WORK, WHICH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF THREE MAJOR MOTION

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1 PICTURES LATELY ABOUT WIVES WHO WERE NOT CREDITED FOR THE WORK
2 THEY DID WITH THEIR HUSBANDS. THE BOOK AND ITS SEQUELS, "THE
3 THIRD WAVE" AND "POWER SHIFT," FORESAW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
4 INFORMATION AGE AND MADE OMINOUS PREDICTIONS ABOUT ITS EFFECTS
5 ON INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES. THEIR ANALYSES BROUGHT THEM
6 INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION. THEY LAUNCHED A CONSULTING FIRM
7 THAT HELPED GOVERNMENTS AND BUSINESSES BECOME "FUTURE PROOF"
8 AND WERE ASKED TO CONFER WITH GLOBAL LEADERS ON THE TOPIC,
9 INCLUDING TRIPS TO THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA. AND I MOVE THAT
10 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF WALTER
11 BRACKELMANN, A PSYCHIATRIST AND SEX THERAPIST WHO DIED ON
12 FEBRUARY 10TH. HE WAS A PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY AT U.C.L.A.
13 AND A MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT TO THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE COUPLES AND SEX
15 THERAPY TRAINING PROGRAM AT U.C.L.A. AND COFOUNDER AND
16 PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COUPLES AND SEX
17 THERAPISTS. HE TWICE APPEARED ON OPRAH WINFREY'S SHOW, HAD A
18 FIVE-PART SERIES ON THE "TODAY" SHOW, AND HAD HIS OWN
19 TELEVISION PROGRAM CALLED "COUPLES" HE RECEIVED THE DEAN'S
20 DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD FROM U.C.L.A. EXTENSION AND THE
21 OUTSTANDING CLINICAL FACULTY TEACHING AWARD IN THE DEPARTMENT
22 OF PSYCHIATRY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, LISA AND
23 JONATHAN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
24 MEMORY OF ACTIVIST SELMA PALMER. SHE HELPED OPEN THE JORDAN
25 DOWNS HOUSING PROJECTS IN WATTS AND SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE

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1 WOMEN'S DIVISION OF THE UNITED JEWISH FEDERATION FOR OVER 25
2 YEARS. SHE VOLUNTEERED FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL
3 AND ON THE CAMPAIGNS OF MULTIPLE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES. SHE
4 WAS AN ARDENT FEMINIST AND ACTIVIST FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS,
5 GUN CONTROL, HEALTHCARE, AND THE POOR. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
6 SONS, CHARLES AND RALPH. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
7 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHRISTOPHER KNOPF, SCREEN
8 WRITER AND UNION LEADER, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL
9 WRITERS GUILD, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE WRITERS GUILD OF
10 AMERICA, PRESIDENT OF THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA WEST. HE
11 FOUGHT HARD FOR BETTER PAY AND PENSIONS FOR WRITERS IN
12 HOLLYWOOD. HE WON THREE WRITERS GUILD AWARDS, THE ASIAN
13 PACIFIC MEDIA AWARD FOR "THE GIRL WHO SPELLED FREEDOM" AND AN
14 EDGAR ALLAN POE AWARD FOR "COLD NIGHT'S DEATH." HE'S SURVIVED
15 BY HIS WIFE, LORRAINE, HIS DAUGHTER, SUSAN, HIS STEPCHILDREN,
16 LAURIE AND ANDREW, AND HIS SISTER, WENDY. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN
17 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARIO GERLA,
18 COMPUTER SCIENTIST AND PROFESSOR AT U.C.L.A. HE CONTRIBUTED TO
19 THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARPANET, OF A PRECURSOR TO THE INTERNET. AS
20 A PROFESSOR AT U.C.L.A., HE SERVED AS DEPARTMENT CHAIR AND
21 DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR AUTONOMOUS INTELLIGENT NETWORKS AND
22 THE NETWORK RESEARCH LAB. FOR HIS WORK, HE WAS MADE A LIFE
23 FELLOW OF THE I.E.E.E. AND WAS HONORED BY SIGMOBILE, INFOCOM,
24 AND MILCOM, MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZATIONS.
25 IN 2002, HE WAS KNIGHTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF ITALY. HE'S

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1 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MAGGI, HIS DAUGHTERS, MARISA AND
2 CRISTINA, AND HIS SIBLINGS, EMMA, SILVIA, AND FRANCO. AND,
3 FINALLY, COLLEAGUES, I KNOW IT WILL SURPRISE YOU, BUT I JUST
4 THOUGHT IT WAS RIGHT TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN WALSH, AN
5 ACTIVIST AND INDEPENDENT JOURNALIST WHO DIED LAST WEEK. HE
6 BUILT QUITE A REPUTATION NOT ONLY HERE, AS A GOVERNMENT
7 GADFLY, WAS A FREQUENT PRESENCE IN THE COUNTY BOARDROOM, AT
8 CITY HALL, AT METRO BOARD MEETINGS. HE FOLLOWED MANY PUBLIC
9 ISSUES DILIGENTLY, WAS TIRELESSLY COMMITTED TO EXERCISING HIS
10 DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL CIVIC PROCESSES AND
11 TO MAKE HIS BELIEFS AND HIS UNDERSTANDING OF A SITUATION
12 KNOWN. THERE ARE NO KNOWN SURVIVORS. BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS
13 APPROPRIATE TO ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY.

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15 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** WOULD WE HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON THAT? ALL
16 MEMBERS ON THAT? ALL MEMBERS ON THAT? I DO, TOO. I'VE BEEN
17 KNOWING HIM SINCE I SAT ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF LOS ANGELES 15,
18 16 YEARS GO. THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT. THANK YOU FOR DOING
19 THAT. OKAY. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
20 THE MEMORY OF MADGE EVELYN LO NIGRO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
21 AGE OF 106. SHE WAS BORN IN MISSISSIPPI AND WAS THE OLDEST OF
22 EIGHT. SHE MARRIED VINCENT LO NIGRO, WHO SERVED IN THE U.S.
23 NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II, AND AFTER THE WAR, THEY MOVED TO SAN
24 PEDRO. SHE WAS KNOWN TO GENERATIONS OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS AS
25 MISS EVELYN, THE FORMER PRINCIPAL OF WEE TOT NURSERY SCHOOL.

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1 SHE WAS AN AVID GARDENER, TALENTED BAKER, ACTIVE COMMUNITY
2 MEMBER. EVELYN WAS A MEMBER OF THE SAN PEDRO ELKS LODGE, PECK
3 PARK SENIORS, AND THE BETTER BREATHERS CLUB. AND SHE WAS VERY
4 INVOLVED AT HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH. EVELYN WAS PRECEDED
5 IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, VINCENT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
6 DAUGHTER, VICTORIA, AND MANY GENERATIONS OF COUSINS, NIECES,
7 AND NEPHEWS. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN
8 IN THE MEMORY OF MILLIE RIERA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
9 95. AND THOSE IN THE SOUTH BAY WILL KNOW HER AS THE NAMESAKE
10 OF THE RESTAURANT IN REDONDO BEACH, MILLIE RIERA'S SEAFOOD
11 GROTTO, WHICH SHE OPERATED FOR 51 YEARS. MY FAMILY FREQUENTED
12 THAT RESTAURANT MANY, MANY YEARS. MILLIE WAS ALWAYS GENEROUS
13 WITH HER LISTENING EAR, A FRESH POT OF COFFEE, AND AN OPEN
14 DOOR. EVERYONE KNEW THEY COULD COUNT ON HER FOR WISDOM AND
15 GREAT ADVICE. ABOVE ALL, MILLIE LOVED HER FAMILY, ESPECIALLY
16 HER GRANDCHILDREN, WHICH BROUGHT HER MORE JOY THAN SHE COULD
17 HAVE EVER IMAGINED. SHE'S PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND.
18 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, MARIA, JOE, AND MONICA, EIGHT
19 GRANDCHILDREN, AND MANY GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. IT WAS ONE OF MY
20 FATHER'S FAVORITE RESTAURANTS. AND WHEN HE WANTED THE TAKE
21 RAMONA OUT, THIS IS WHERE THEY WOULD GO. AND SOMETIMES, THEY
22 LET JIMMY AND JANICE GO ALONG, TOO. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
23 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF VENTURA ISLAS, WHO
24 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN SAN
25 PEDRO. HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN THE U.S. NAVY. AFTER HIS

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1 SERVICE, HE WAS A LETTER CARRIER WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL
2 SERVICE FOR 35 YEARS. AND IN HIS RETIREMENT, HE WAS A
3 DEDICATED ASSISTANT COACH TO THE BANNING HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
4 TEAM. HE'S PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS WIFE, ANN, SURVIVED BY HIS
5 SON, ANTHONY, DAUGHTER, LINDA, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND FOUR
6 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE
7 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RONALD KNOLL, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
8 AGE OF 85. HE WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES, ONE OF FOUR CHILDREN.
9 HE ATTENDED ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, THEN LOYOLA
10 HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH HE PAID FOR HIMSELF. HIS COLLEGE EDUCATION
11 WAS INTERRUPTED AS HE JOINED THE U.S. ARMY FOR TWO YEARS TO
12 SERVE IN GERMANY DURING THE KOREAN WAR. IN 1967, RON BECAME A
13 MANAGING PARTNER AT THE CHARLES DUNN COMPANY AS A COMMERCIAL
14 REAL ESTATE BROKER. HE THEN WORKED FOR WILLIAM GREGORY
15 MORTGAGE, OWNED BY HIS SON, GREG, AS A DEVELOPER AND MORTGAGE
16 CONSULTANT. AMONGST OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, HE HELPED CREATE
17 STUDENT HOUSING AT U.S.C. HE WAS AN ACTIVE PARISHIONER AT ST.
18 MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, WHERE HE SERVED AS A LECTOR AND
19 PAST PRESIDENT OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY. RON HAD A PASSION FOR
20 HELPING OTHERS, IN PARTICULARLY THROUGH ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS,
21 WHERE HE HELPED NUMEROUS MEN IN RECOVERY FOR 30 YEARS. HE'S
22 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 58 YEARS, PATTI, HIS FOUR CHILDREN,
23 SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD. I MOVE THAT
24 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DON
25 NEWCOMBE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. WE JUST HEARD THIS

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1 TODAY. HE WAS BORN IN MADISON, NEW JERSEY AND WAS KNOWN AS ONE
2 OF THE GREATEST PITCHERS IN THE LOS ANGELES DODGER HISTORY AND
3 ONE OF THE FINAL LINKS TO BROOKLYN AND THE DAYS OF ROY
4 CAMPANELLA AND JACKIE ROBINSON. DON REACHED THE HEIGHT OF HIS
5 CAREER IN 1956 WHEN HE WON BOTH THE CY YOUNG AND THE NATIONAL
6 LEAGUE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARDS. HE WAS NAMED ROOKIE OF THE
7 YEAR IN 1949. HIS MAJOR LEAGUE CAREER SPANNED 10 YEARS FROM
8 1949 TO 1960, AND EIGHT OF THOSE WITH THE DODGERS. HE'S
9 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KAREN, SONS, DON, JR. AND BRETT,
10 DAUGHTER, KELLYE, STEPSON, CHRIS, AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN.
11 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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13 **SUP. BARGER:** THAT'S IT. BETWEEN NEWCOMBE AND ROBINSON, BRANCH
14 RICKEY IS UP THERE GIVING THEM A HIGH FIVE, I WOULD SAY,
15 RIGHT? VERY COOL. I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN
16 MEMORY OF DR. MIHRAN AGBABIAN, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT AND
17 COMMUNITY LEADER OF LOS ANGELES WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY
18 13TH AT THE AGE OF 96. HE SERVED AS A FORMER BOARD CO-CHAIR
19 AND WAS A LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY OF
20 AMERICA. HE AND HIS FAMILY PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN
21 ESTABLISHING THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA AS WELL AS
22 OPENING THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA'S CONSUL GENERAL IN LOS
23 ANGELES. DR. AGBABIAN SERVED AS PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF
24 ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE WAS
25 RECIPIENT OF THE ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR HONORING HIS

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1 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS AN EDUCATOR AND SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY.
2 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, THREE SONS, AND FOUR
3 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO, PAT MURRAY, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF
4 LANCASTER WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 101. SHE WAS A VETERAN
5 OF THE MARINE CORPS, SERVED AS A PARACHUTE RIGGER IN EL
6 CENTRO, CALIFORNIA DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER COMPLETION OF
7 HER SERVICE, SHE WAS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE A.V. DETACHMENT
8 OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE WHERE SHE RECEIVED THE CALIFORNIA
9 MARINE CORPS LEAGUER OF THE YEAR AWARD IN 1968, THE FIRST
10 WOMAN TO RECEIVE THIS HONOR. SHE WAS A PATRIOT SERVING THE
11 COMMUNITY IN MANY ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE AMERICAN LEGION,
12 POST 348, THE WOMEN'S MARINE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LANCASTER
13 VETERANS HOME COMMITTEE. SHE WAS A BIG SUPPORTER OF YOUNG
14 MARINES. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS. ALSO GERTRUDE THELMA
15 POSTON, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA WHO PASSED AWAY AT
16 THE AGE OF 100. SHE WAS AN EARLY EDUCATION TEACHER. SHE OWNED
17 AND OPERATED THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE FOR MANY YEARS UNTIL SHE
18 RETIRED. SHE WAS A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF SCOTT UNITED METHODIST
19 CHURCH FOR 60 YEARS. GERTRUDE WAS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND
20 RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR VOLUNTEERING. SHE WOULD ALWAYS
21 SAY THAT SHE WAS BORN TO SERVE OTHERS. GERTRUDE IS SURVIVED BY
22 HER SISTER, DAUGHTER, GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND
23 GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO CARL RAGGIO, IV, A FOURTH
24 GENERATION RESIDENT OF PASADENA WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT
25 THE AGE OF 40. C., AS HE WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN, WAS A

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1 GRANDSON OF FORMER GLENDALE MAYOR CARL RAGGIO, II. HE
2 GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN FILM FROM CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF
3 THE ARTS IN SANTA CLARITA. C. WORKED FOR CARTOON NETWORK,
4 P.B.S., DISNEY T.V. ANIMATION, AND ILLUMINATION ENTERTAINMENT.
5 HE WORKED ON MANY NOTABLE PROJECTS, INCLUDING "THE MARVELOUS
6 OF FLAPJACK," "GRAVITY FALLS," "THE MINIONS MOVIE," AND "THE
7 GRINCH." HE WAS AN OUTDOOR AND AUTOMOBILE ENTHUSIAST, AS WELL
8 AS AN AVID FAN OF FORMULA ONE RACING. HE'S REMEMBERED FOR HIS
9 SELFLESSNESS AND ALWAYS HELPING OTHERS. C. IS SURVIVED BY HIS
10 FATHER, STEPMOTHER, GRANDPARENTS, TWO BROTHERS, THREE SISTERS,
11 AND AN EXTENDED FAMILY. AND, LAST, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN
12 TODAY IN MEMORY OF JEAN SWART, A 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE
13 ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77. SHE WAS
14 ACTIVE WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE LAWYER'S
15 WIVES AND THE ALPHA CHARTER GUILD. SHE'S REMEMBERED FOR HER
16 GRACIOUSNESS AND COMMITMENT TO HELPING GIVE BACK TO THE
17 COMMUNITY. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER BELOVED HUSBAND,
18 HOWARD. JEAN IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, KELLI,
19 MICHAEL, KRISTIN, AND HER SIX GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY
20 ADJOURNMENTS.

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22 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE ALL THOSE MOTIONS AS
23 SECONDED. AND IF THERE'S NOT AN OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE,
24 THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S MEETING. MADAM
25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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2 **CELIA ZAVALA, E.O.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
3 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
4 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
5 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM CS-2,
6 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED
7 LITIGATION, ITEM CS-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATION,
8 ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND
9 DESIGNATED STAFF, AND ITEM CS-5 WAS CONTINUED ON OPEN SESSION
10 ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 26, 2019.

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**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

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5 **CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING**
6 **LITIGATION**

7 (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
8 54956.9)

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10 Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs v. County of Los
11 Angeles, et al.

12 Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP00166

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14 This lawsuit involves a petition for a writ of mandate related to
15 peace officer personnel records in light of Senate Bill 1421.
16 (19-0949)

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18 **No reportable action was taken.**
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21 **CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED**
22 **LITIGATION**

23 (Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
24 54956.9)

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26 Significant exposure to litigation (one case). (19-0951)

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28 **No reportable action was taken.**
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31 **CS-3. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**
32 **(Government Code Section 54957)**

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34 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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36 **No reportable action was taken.**
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2 **CS-4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**
3 **(Government Code Section 54957.6)**

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5 Agency designated representatives: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief Executive
6 Officer, and designated staff

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8 Unrepresented employees (all). (13-4431)

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10 **No reportable action was taken.**

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12 **CS-5. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**
13 **(Government Code Section 54956.8)**

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15 To provide instructions to County real estate negotiators with
16 respect to the possible acquisition of the following property:

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18 Property: 2131 West 3rd Street
19 Los Angeles, CA 90057

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21 County Negotiators: Sachi A. Hamai, Dr. Christina Ghaly, David
22 Howard, Dr. Mark Ghaly, Thomas
23 Faughnan

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25 Negotiating Parties: Verity Health System of California, Inc.,
26 and affiliated entities

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28 Under Negotiation: Price and Terms (19-1159)

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30 **In Open Session, this item was continued one week to**
31 **February 26, 2019.**

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors February 19, 2019,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 27th day of February 2019, for the County records to be used
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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